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## Homeland Security secretary insists border crisis is 'real'

By COLLEEN LONG  
Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen insisted Wednesday the crisis at the southern border is not manufactured, as she faced questions from Democrats for the first time since they took control of the House. "We face a crisis — a real, serious and sustained crisis at our borders," she said at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing.

"Make no mistake: This chain of human misery is getting worse." Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson said he wanted to use the hearing in part to give Nielsen the opportunity to start a "serious discussion," rather than echoing President Donald Trump's claims of a security crisis at the border, and to say what she knew about the family separations last year.

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Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, March 6, 2019, before the House Homeland Security Committee.

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## Sen. McSally, ex-Air Force pilot, says officer raped her

By COLLEEN LONG  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Sen. Martha McSally, the first female Air Force fighter pilot to fly in combat, said Wednesday that she was sexually assaulted by a superior officer, and later, when she tried to talk about it to military officials, she “felt like the system was raping me all over again.” The Arizona Republican, a 26-year military veteran, made the disclosure at a Senate hearing on the military’s efforts to prevent sexual assaults and improve the response when they occur. Lawmakers also heard from other service members who spoke of being sexually assaulted and humiliated while serving their country.

McSally said she did not report being raped because she did not trust the system, and she said she was ashamed and confused. She said she was impressed and grateful to the survivors who came forward to help change the system. She was in the ninth class at the Air Force Academy to allow women, and said sexual harassment and assault were prevalent. Victims mostly suffered in silence, she said.

McSally read from a prepared statement getting choked up at one point. She referred to “perpetrators” who had sexually assaulted her, an indication that she had been attacked more than once. She did not say whether her assaults happened at the academy or during active

duty. She didn’t name any names. She said she stayed silent

harassment and assault in the armed forces and the larger #MeToo movement

She said the public must demand that higher-ranking officials be part of the

vantage of her through “emotional manipulation” because her father had died. He denied the allegations. McSally served in the Air Force from 1988 until 2010 and rose to the rank of colonel before entering politics. In 2001, McSally sued the military so she would not be required to wear a head covering while she was stationed in the Middle East. McSally, who had worked as a national security aide for Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., was elected to the House in 2014 and served two terms.

She was appointed by Gov. Doug Ducey, R-Ariz., in December to replace the late GOP Sen. John McCain after she narrowly lost last year’s race for Arizona’s other Senate seat to Democrat Kyrsten Sinema. McSally had been critical of Donald Trump in 2016 but embraced a tough stance on immigration and praised the president during last year’s midterm election.

She will serve until 2020, when voters will elect someone to finish the final two years of McCain’s term. Defense officials have argued that an increase in reported assaults reflects a greater willingness to report attacks, rather than indicating assaults are rising. Sexual assaults are a highly underreported crime, both in the military and across society as a whole. Greater reporting, they argue, shows there is more confidence in the reporting system and greater comfort with the support for victims. □



**During a hearing by the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel about prevention and response to sexual assault in the military, Sen. Martha McSally, R-Ariz., recounts her own experience with sexual assault while serving as a colonel in the Air Force, as Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., listens at right, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.**

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for years. But later, as she watched the military grapple with how to handle sexual assaults, she felt like she should speak out.

“I was horrified at how my attempt to share generally my experiences was handled,” she said. She almost left the Air Force after 18 years.

“Like many victims, I felt like the system was raping me all over again.”

McSally’s revelation comes not long after Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, detailed her own abuse and assault, and at a time of increased awareness over the problem of

that roiled Hollywood and major corporations.

Reports of sexual assaults across the military jumped nearly 10 percent in 2017 — a year that also saw an online nude-photo sharing scandal rock the Defense Department. Reporting for 2018 is not yet available. Reports of sexual assaults were also up at the military academies, most at West Point.

McSally said she shares in the disgust of the failures of the military system and many commanders who haven’t address the problems of sexual misconduct.

solution, setting the tone for their officers.

“We have come a long way to stop military sexual assault but we still have a long way to go,” the senator said. “It took many years and too many lives ruined.” Her colleagues on the committee lauded her for coming forward.

“I’m deeply affected by that testimony,” said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.

McSally told the Wall Street Journal last year that she had been sexually abused as a teenager by her high school track coach. She said the coach took ad-

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He said real oversight over the border was long overdue.

"No amount of verbal gymnastics will change that she knew the Trump administration was implementing a policy to separate families at the border," Thompson said. "To make matters worse, the administration bungled implementation of its cruel plan, losing track of children and even deporting parents to Central America without their children." Nielsen was grilled on whether she was aware of the psychological effects of separating children from their parents, and when she knew ahead of time about the "zero tolerance" policy that led to the separation of more than 2,700 children from their parents last year. And she was asked about conversations with Trump as he declared a national emergency at the border to try to gain funding for his proposed wall between the U.S. and Mexico.

"There is an emergency," Nielsen said. "I have seen the vulnerable populations. This is a true humanitarian crisis that the system is enabling. We have to change the laws."

White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders weighed in on the hearing via Twitter: "The crisis at our border is no secret," she wrote. Democrats were "just choosing to ignore it."

The hearing is one of three at the Capitol on immigration Wednesday. Since Democrats took control of the House, they have prioritized investigating last year's family separations and have subpoenaed documents related to the policy. As Nielsen spoke to the House, Customs and Border Commissioner Kevin McAleenan presented a slide show to the Senate Judiciary Committee that highlighted the growing number of groups with at least 100 people in remote areas like the New Mexico Bootheel and Ajo, Arizona, and the unprecedented challenges of attending to medical needs at its short-



In this Dec. 3, 2018, file photo, migrants are escorted by a U.S. Border Patrol agent as they are detained after climbing over the border wall from Playas de Tijuana, Mexico, to San Ysidro, Calif.

term holding facilities. Tens of thousands of families are crossing the border illegally every month, straining resources. Last month, there were more than 76,000 migrants apprehended — it was more than double the same period last year. And she said the forecast is that the problem will grow worse as weather gets better; traditionally the early spring months see higher illegal crossings.

The new figures reflect the difficulties Trump has faced as he tries to cut down on illegal immigration, his signature issue. But it could also help him make the case that there truly is a national emergency at the border — albeit one built around humanitarian crises and not necessarily border security. The Senate is expected to vote next week and join the House in rejecting Trump's national emergency declaration aimed at building border walls, but Trump would almost certainly veto the measure and the issue is likely to be settled in the courts.

Lawmakers also asked Nielsen about the conditions of children held at Border Patrol facilities, and whether asylum seek-

ers were being wrongly turned away at the border. Homeland Security's top internal watchdog official, John Roth, was also testifying Wednesday, and James McHenry, a Justice

Department who oversees clogged immigration courts.

Also Thursday, Customs and Border Protection officials will testify about challenges of hiring and recruiting Bor-

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der Patrol agents, including a contract worth up to \$297 million for consulting firm Accenture. The firm successfully recruited only two agents during its first 10 months of the contract. □

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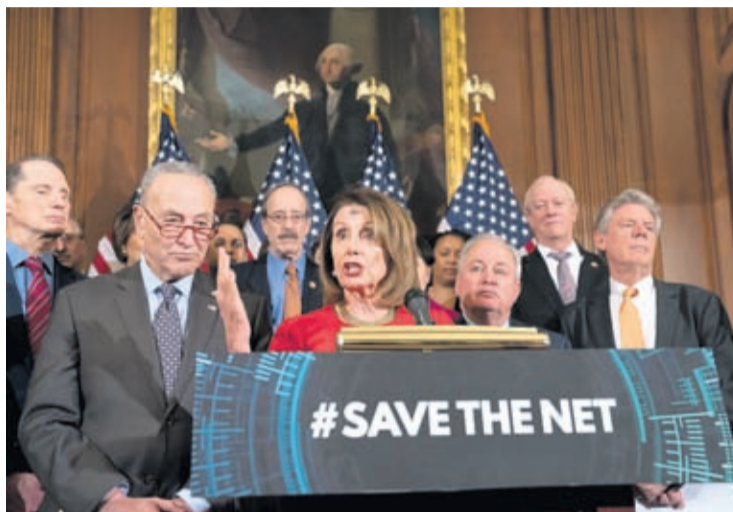
## Democrat bill seeks to restore Obama-era net neutrality regs

By **TALI ARBEL**  
 AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Top congressional Democrats have announced legislation to restore Obama-era “net neutrality” rules that seek to bar internet service providers such as AT&T and Comcast from playing favorites with websites and services.

The bill will face a tough time becoming law, despite Democrats’ control of the House. But the effort could give Democrats political points on consumer protections that a Trump-appointed regulator repealed in the name of reducing regulation.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Wednesday that the bill will be up for a vote in the House in a “matter of



**Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., joined by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, announces the “Save The Internet Act,” congressional Democrats’ plan to reinstate “net neutrality” rules that President Donald Trump repealed in 2017, during an event at the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

weeks.” A Senate version of the bill will have a tougher time, because Republicans are in the majority. Further-

more, the White House supported the repeal that this bill is trying to reverse. The net neutrality rules

had banned cable, wireless and other broadband providers from blocking or slowing down websites and apps of their choosing, or charging Netflix and other video services extra to reach viewers faster.

The Federal Communications Commission adopted the rules in 2015, when Democrats had the majority, only to repeal them in 2017 under a new, Republican chairman. The repeal cleared the way for service providers to engage in traffic controls as long as they disclosed them.

Democrats wanted to codify into law regulations that the FCC has long struggled over. It took years to enact rules that the courts would uphold, and then the Trump-era FCC overturned them.

The Republican-controlled FCC said in a statement Wednesday that the main thing the internet “needs to be saved from is heavy-handed regulation from the

1930s.” NCTA, the cable industry trade group that opposed the 2015 rules, said it wants net-neutrality legislation but the Democratic bill is an “unnecessary over-reach.”

There are other options. House Republicans have introduced legislation that would prohibit ISPs from blocking or throttling the internet or favoring some online traffic, but several net-neutrality advocates have criticized their efforts as too weak. The 2015 rules were much broader and gave the FCC the authority to investigate ISPs for other potential misuses of their power. Whatever happens, the Democratic bill could highlight net neutrality as an issue in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election. “It keeps the debate alive,” said Perkins Coie telecom lawyer Marc Martin. “Keeping a slow boil on the issue, potentially it becomes an issue in the presidential campaign.” □

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## Prosecutors: 6 accused of corruption in Chicago suburb

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Federal prosecutors accused six people of government corruption Wednesday, including alleging that the brother of a suburban Chicago mayor extorted payments from a strip club in order to keep its doors open.

The Justice Department announced the six were charged as part of an ongoing investigation of alleged corruption in the government of Harvey, Illinois.

Rommell Kellogg, 66, and Corey Johnson, 63, are charged with conspiracy to commit extortion. The men, who are cousins, stand accused of extorting

payments from a Harvey strip club owner between 2012 and 2016 by threatening to shut down the business.

The city allowed the business to operate despite knowing acts of prostitution were taking place there, prosecutors said.

Kellogg is the brother of Harvey Mayor Eric Kellogg. Prosecutors also describe Johnson as the cousin of a police personnel officer who’s the brother of Kellogg and the “de facto” head of the city’s Building and Planning Department. That person is identified as “Individual B” in the criminal complaint. □

# Obama says he based decisions on 'facts, reason and logic'

By BRADY McCOMBS  
Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Former President Barack Obama said Wednesday that he tried to build a culture centered around problem-solving and not personal gain while in the White House — an effective strategy for any organization that also prevents “big scandals and indictments.”

Obama's comments drew applause from a crowd of about 9,000 people at a business conference in Salt Lake City.

Obama didn't mention President Donald Trump and wasn't asked about him during a question-and-answer session, but he made several comments that seemed to allude to the state of the country and the Trump administration.

“Things like rule of law, democracy and you know, competence and facts; those things are not partisan, but they also don't happen automatically,” Obama said. “There has to be citizens who insist on it and participate to make sure it happens. Democracy is a garden that has to be tended.”

Obama said he felt confident he was making the best possible decisions during his presidency about difficult problems such as Osama Bin Laden and the U.S. banking crisis because he surrounded himself with smart people who didn't



This Feb. 19, 2019 file photo shows former President Barack Obama speaking at the My Brother's Keeper Alliance Summit in Oakland, Calif.

always agree with him. He said he strived to get all perspectives about the topic at hand.

Calling himself “old-fashioned,” he said he believed in “things like facts and reason and logic,” Obama said.

The remark triggered loud applause and laughter before Obama responded: “Thank you. We have a fact-based crowd here. That's good.”

He lamented the “polarized time” we live in which people get “fractured” information.

“People want their own facts that are suited to their opinions rather than shap-

ing their opinions around facts,” Obama said.

He answered questions from Ryan Smith, CEO of Qualtrics International Inc., a Provo, Utah-based survey-software provider that hosted the conference, the Qualtrics Experience

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Management Summit. The company, which was bought last year by SAP for \$8 billion, makes technology that helps companies get feedback from employees and customers.

The conference brings several big-name speakers,

including Richard Branson, who went on stage before Obama and delighted the audience with stories about how started his airline company and came up with the name for his brands, Virgin.

He lit up about his “ridiculously exciting” Virgin Galactic's venture that is working toward commercial operations that will take passengers on supersonic thrill rides to the lower reaches of space to experience a few minutes of weightlessness and a view of the Earth below. He said he hopes to go up in one of his ships in July.

“It's making them so absorbed with what is the world thinking about them in a way that we just weren't subject to when we were kids,” said Obama, who has two daughters. “Some of this is figuring out, what's the filter you set up that allows critical information and effective feedback ... but just shutting yourself off from the narcissistic consumption of, ‘What does he think about me? Am I liked?’” □

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# Judge: Census citizenship question is a threat to democracy

By **SUDHIN THANAWALA**

**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

The Trump administration's decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census "threatens the very foundation of our democratic system" because it would cause a significant undercount of immigrants and Latinos that could distort the distribution of congressional seats, a U.S. judge said Wednesday.

Judge Richard Seeborg in San Francisco said the commerce secretary's decision to add the question was arbitrary and capricious and would violate a constitutional requirement that the census accurately count the U.S. population.

"The record in this case has clearly established that including the citizenship question on the 2020 census is fundamentally counterproductive to the goal of obtaining accurate citizenship data about the public," Seeborg said.

He became the second judge to declare the move illegal, so the effect of his decision is limited. A federal judge in New York had previously blocked the administration from adding the question to the population count that occurs every 10 years, and the U.S.



In this Nov. 27, 2018, file photo, Elizabeth OuYang, coordinator of New York Counts 2020, speaks during a news conference outside the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse.

Supreme Court last month agreed to review that decision.

The ruling in California, however, differed from the January decision by U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman in a significant way. Furman also found the question violated administrative requirements, but he rejected an argument that it violated the Constitution. Seeborg found a violation of the Constitution's Enumeration Clause, which could present another issue

for the U.S. Supreme Court to consider.

The U.S. Department of Justice declined to comment. The ruling came as The Associated Press reported that the Census Bureau is quietly seeking comprehensive information about the legal status of millions of immigrants.

Under a proposed plan, the Department of Homeland Security would provide the Census Bureau with a broad swath of personal data about noncitizens,

including their immigration status, raising concerns among privacy and civil rights activists.

Seeborg ruled in lawsuits by California and several cities in the state that asserted the citizenship question was politically motivated and should be kept off the census.

"Justice has prevailed for each and every Californian who should raise their hands to be counted in the 2020 census without being discouraged by a citizen-

ship question," state Attorney General Xavier Becerra said in a statement.

California argued that the question would cost it a substantial amount of money and at least one congressional seat by reducing the percentage of Latinos and immigrants who respond to the survey. It said that would lead to an undercount in the state, which has a substantial number of people from both groups.

Census numbers are used to determine states' distribution of congressional seats and billions of dollars in federal funding.

The Justice Department had argued that census officials take steps such as making in-person follow-up visits to get an accurate count. Households that skip the citizenship question but otherwise fill out a substantial portion of the questionnaire would still be counted, Justice Department attorneys said in court documents.

The Commerce Department announced the addition of a citizenship question a year ago, saying the Justice Department asked for it and it would improve enforcement of a 1965 law meant to protect minority voting rights. □



In this Dec. 3, 2018 file photo, a vehicle rests in front of a home leveled by the Camp Fire in Paradise, Calif.

By **SUDHIN THANAWALA**

**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A

U.S. judge overseeing a criminal case against Pacific Gas & Electric Co. called the California utility's efforts to prevent trees from hitting its power lines and starting wildfires "dismal" but scaled back

his proposals to prevent its equipment from causing more blazes.

Judge William Alsup said in an order late Tuesday that he's now considering making PG&E comply with targets in a wildfire mitigation plan that the company submitted to California regulators.

## U.S. judge eases wildfire safety plan for California utility

He also proposed that a court-appointed monitor oversee the utility's efforts to clear trees and branches. The judge previously considered ordering PG&E to reinspect its entire electric grid, remove or trim all trees that could fall on its power lines and cut off power during certain wind conditions.

PG&E pushed back against those proposals, saying in court documents that they would endanger lives, could cost as much as \$150 billion and would interfere with the work of federal and state regulators. In response to Alsup's latest order, the company

said it's committed to completing work on its wildfire plan. "We continue to work with regulators, lawmakers and our community partners across all sectors and disciplines to develop comprehensive, long-term safety solutions for our state," a company statement said. Alsup on Tuesday also proposed ordering PG&E not to pay any dividends to shareholders until it meets his vegetation management requirements, including compliance with a state law requiring the utility to clear vegetation within certain distances of electric lines.

The judge, however, noted

that PG&E had previously suspended cash dividends. Alsup is overseeing a criminal conviction against PG&E stemming from a 2010 gas line explosion that killed eight people in the San Francisco Bay Area. The judge's proposals follow devastating wildfires in California in 2017 and 2018 — some of which investigators have blamed on PG&E equipment — and would be part of the utility's probation in the criminal case.

Alsup said his goal is to prevent PG&E equipment from causing any wildfires during the 2019 fire season. □

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## Nevada cites U.S. warnings in bid to block plutonium shipments

By **SCOTT SONNER**  
Associated Press

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** — Nevada's latest bid to block incoming shipments of weapons-grade plutonium points to the U.S. Energy Department's own scientific warnings about the dangers of prematurely moving the highly radioactive material out of South Carolina. State lawyers say in briefs filed this week with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the Trump administration is engaged in a clandestine "charade" intended to turn Nevada "into the nation's radioactive dump."

They want the San Francisco-based court to overturn a Reno judge's refusal to temporarily halt all plutonium shipments to a site near Las Vegas.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du denied the request Jan. 30, saying any potential harm was speculative. That was the same day the government revealed it secretly shipped



In this Nov. 20, 2013 photo, seen through thick protective glass, shows the area where workers sand-blast the large stainless steel tanks used in the vitrification process to rid them of contaminants at the Defense Waste Processing Facility at the Savannah River Site near Aiken, S.C.

a half metric ton (1,102 pounds) of plutonium from South Carolina to Nevada sometime before Nov. 30. Nevada lawyers said in Monday's filing that the "stealth" truck shipment increased residents' radiation exposure equivalent to getting 100 to 200 chest X-rays annually for three years.

State Attorney General Aaron

**Associated Press**  
Ford and his deputies cite numerous legal briefs that the U.S. government filed when it argued unsuccessfully in court in 2017 and again in a failed appeal to keep the plutonium at South Carolina's Savannah River Site because of the risks of moving it elsewhere. Nevada's lawyers noted the Energy Department had claimed repeatedly that "it would be

impossible to safely transport and store that much plutonium before the year 2025."

The agency argued at the time that Savannah River was the only place with the "required capacity, security, safety analysis and surveillance program to receive and store any significant amount of plutonium in the form and packaging configuration as it exists today."

Nevertheless, a judge ordered the government in December 2017 to remove at least a metric ton (2,204 pounds) of plutonium from South Carolina by Jan. 1, 2020.

The Department of Energy appealed to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, arguing removal "within two years is simply impossible if DOE also complies with (the National Environmental Policy Act) and the applicable regulations." Eight months after the appeal was denied, "the impossible happened," Nevada's lawyers wrote. The federal agency

completed an analysis declaring the Nevada National Security Site a prime candidate for indefinitely housing the material, they said.

"DOE's previous capacity, safety, security and surveillance concerns magically disappeared," Nevada said. State attorneys argue that the government failed to adequately examine potential harm to Nevada's residents, environment and economy. They attached 699 pages of excerpts from the Energy Department's past filings to a 49-page brief underscoring the contradictions.

The agency released the analysis in August outlining its intention to move the plutonium to Nevada by 2020. Then-Gov. Brian Sandoval called Energy Secretary Rick Perry in early September to express his concerns, and additional correspondence led to an Oct. 30 meeting in Washington before Nevada sued a month later. □

## 2 Kansas companies indicted over noxious chemical cloud

By **HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH**

The Associated Press

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Two companies were indicted Wednesday on federal charges after a mistake at a northeast Kansas distilling plant in 2016 released a noxious cloud of fumes that prosecutors say caused more than 140 people to seek medical treatment. The three-count indictment alleges that Midwest Grain Products Inc., of Atchison, Kansas, and Harcros Chemicals Inc., of Kansas City, Kansas, violated the Clean

Air Act and put the public in danger. The indictment, which the U.S. attorney's office announced, alleges that the chlorine gas cloud formed after a driver for Harcros pulled a truck into Midwest Grain's facility in Atchison to deliver sulfuric acid.

An operator for Midwest Grain helped the driver access the transfer equipment. When the driver mistakenly connected the sulfuric acid line to the sodium hypochlorite line, toxic gas began to form. The indictment alleges both men vio-

lated safety rules by failing to verify that the connection was correct and failing to monitor the transfer.

The noxious cloud covered the city for 45 minutes in October 2016 until emergency personnel arrived to turn off the flow. By then, 4,000 gallons (15,141 liters) of sulfuric acid and 5,800 gallons (21,954 liters) of sodium hypochlorite had mixed, prosecutors say.

That caused nearby homes and schools to evacuate in Atchison, which has about 11,000 residents and is about 50 miles (about

80 kilometers) northwest of Kansas City. A webpage, a phone line and an email address have been set up for victims to provide and receive information.

MGPI Processing Inc., the parent company of Midwest Grain Products, said in a statement that it is reviewing the allegations and "has been focused on the Atchison community, our employees and cooperating fully with safety officials since this incident." A Harcros official didn't immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

The companies are charged with violation of general duty, knowingly releasing a hazardous pollutant and negligently releasing a hazardous pollutant. The charges carry fines of up to \$1.7 million.

The Midwest Grain plant has had other incidents, including a small explosion in another building in February 2016 in which no injuries were reported. The plant was also the site of a 2002 explosion and fire that damaged the plant's distillery and injured a few people. □

# EU says talks with UK 'difficult' as Brexit impasse drags on

By **JILL LAWLESS**  
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**LONDON (AP)** — The European Union said Wednesday that "difficult" talks with Britain have failed to break the Brexit deadlock, less than a week before U.K. lawmakers are due to approve or reject the government's divorce deal with the bloc.

Britain's chief law officer claimed the two sides were holding "robust" discussions on new British proposals.

As Britain lurches toward an EU exit due in just over three weeks, EU Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said that "while the talks take place in a constructive atmosphere, discussions have been difficult."

"No solution has been identified at this point," he said. Attorney General Geoffrey Cox said a meeting Tuesday with EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier had been "robust" — often a code-word for fraught with disagreement.

"These are very sensitive discussions. We're into the meat of the matter now," Cox told Sky News. "We have put forward some proposals — very reasonable proposals — and



**Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May leaves 10 Downing Street to attend the weekly Prime Ministers' Questions session, in parliament in London, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.**

we're now really into the detail of the discussions." As he arrived back in London, Cox said the two sides would be "resuming talks soon."

Britain is due to leave the bloc on March 29. But the U.K. Parliament has so far rejected a divorce deal laying out the terms of an orderly departure and a transition period for busi-

nesses to adjust to new trade rules.

British concerns center on a provision designed to keep an open border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland. The mechanism, known as the backstop, is a safeguard that would keep the U.K. in a customs union with the other 27 EU countries in order to remove the need

for checks until a permanent new trading relationship is in place.

Brexit-supporting lawmakers in the U.K. fear the backstop could be used to bind Britain to EU regulations indefinitely, and Prime Minister Theresa May wants to revise the deal to reassure opponents that it would only apply temporarily.

EU leaders insist that the

legally binding Brexit withdrawal agreement can't be reopened, and talks are focusing on drafting an addendum or other additional words.

May has said she will bring the deal back to Parliament — with any changes she has secured — by Tuesday. If it is rejected again, lawmakers will vote on whether to leave the EU without an agreement or seek to delay Brexit.

May opposes the idea of postponing Britain's EU exit, but has not said whether she and her government would vote instead to crash out of the bloc without a deal.

International Trade Secretary Liam Fox said Wednesday that leaving without a deal was "hugely sub-optimal, compared to getting a deal." But he said "potentially all things are possible" in next week's votes.

U.K. businesses overwhelmingly oppose a "no-deal" exit, which would impose tariffs and other barriers between Britain and the EU, its biggest trading partner. It could also destabilize Northern Ireland's peace process, which has come to rely on free movement of people and goods across an open border. □

**Associated Press**

# Poland considers exhumations at pogrom site and Jews object

By **VANESSA GERA**  
**Associated Press**

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — The Polish government is reconsidering whether to exhume human remains at a World War II-era site where Jews were burned alive by Polish neighbors, though the country's chief rabbi says the work would violate Judaism's prohibition on disinterment under most circumstances.

Authorities will weigh "various circumstances" in deciding if exhumations should go forward in the town of Jedwabne, Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki told private broadcaster Polsat News.

During the German Nazi occupation of Poland, Poles killed at least 340 Jews on July 10, 1941. Most of the



**In this Sunday, July 10, 2011 file photo, in a sign of mourning, participants place pebbles on a monument to honour the hundreds of Jews murdered by their Polish neighbours during state and religious ceremony marking 70 years since the World War II massacre in Jedwabne, Poland.**

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victims were locked inside a barn that was set on fire. Some Poles want the massacre site excavated to uncover possible evidence that Germans ordered Polish villagers to do the killings. The work was started in 2001 and stopped by the justice minister after several

days due to Jewish objections.

Chief Rabbi Michael Schudrich said exhuming the place where the barn stood "would desecrate the memory of those who were buried there."

"It makes moral sense that we should follow the re-

ligious traditions of those who were buried there," Schudrich told The Associated Press. "Jewish law hasn't changed in 2,000 years, and what we said in 2001 remains the same now." The Jedwabne pogrom was one of several massacres carried out by Poles during the German occupation. Many historians see it as evidence that anti-Semitism existed in a significant part of the Polish population.

Many Polish nationalists think it is unfair to blame Poles and that Germany bears the ultimate responsibility given the methods of terror and violence Nazis used in occupied Poland. Poland was occupied by Nazi Germany for more than five years during World

War II. Nearly 6 million Polish citizens died, some 3 million Jews and almost as many non-Jews.

That the question of exhuming remains has resurfaced reflects the pressure on Poland's ruling party from far-right groups that call historical evidence of Poles doing the killings to be a "Jewish lie."

A right-wing TV broadcaster sparked the discussion anew by asking an official about it recently.

The ruling Law and Justice party is led by the twin brother of the justice minister who stopped the earlier exhumation, Lech Kaczyński. He was killed along with 95 others in 2010 when the Polish air force plane they were on crashed in Russia. □



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## Italian populists launch welfare program for poor, jobless

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press

**ROME (AP)** — Italy's populist government opened its new minimum income welfare program Wednesday, fulfilling a key campaign promise of the 5-Star Movement to try to reduce poverty and unemployment in the eurozone's third-largest economy.

The so-called "citizen's income" is essentially a new system of welfare and unemployment benefits for poorer households, providing more money than current unemployment benefits.

Eligible residents receive pre-paid debit cards to pay for groceries, pharmaceuticals, utility bills and rent, among other things. In exchange, able-bodied participants enroll in a job-finding and job-training program.

"The fact of getting the money has a relative importance," said Rosario Morrone, a 60-year-old who said she has been jobless for 25 years. "My main interest is to go back to work," she said, as she submitted her application at a gov-



A man holds an application form as at a fiscal consultancy office to apply for the minimum income, in Rome, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

ernment center in Rome's outskirts Wednesday, the first day they were being accepted.

The scheme is slated to cost the Italian government 7.1 billion euros this year, a spending spree that helped spark months of heated budget negotiations with the European Union. At about 133 percent of GDP, Italy's debt load is the second-highest in Europe, after Greece's.

Italy also has the third-highest unemployment rate in the EU, hitting 10.5 percent in January. Youth unemployment was 33 percent

that month, again second only to Greece.

Deputy Premier and 5-Star leader Luigi Di Maio has cited the need to jumpstart the economy and create jobs while addressing Italy's growing number of people living in poverty in spearheading the "citizen's income" program.

He said Wednesday that a "revolution" had begun for the poor and unemployed. "Today we're keeping a promise," he said. "The state is finally taking care of the invisibles."

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Italian or EU citizens, or legal residents who have lived in Italy at least 10 years and whose annual household income doesn't exceed 9,360 euros (\$10,604).

Participants in the scheme also cannot own pleasure boats, second homes worth more than 30,000 euros or have bought a car in the six months prior to applying. While the government has said that 5 million people could benefit in this country of 60 million, the national statistics bureau said the figure is more like 2.7 million. Of those, only 900,000 are considered to be able-bodied to work.

The elderly, the disabled or sick, or those caring for young children are exempt from the job hunt requirement, though some are expected to perform community service.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Once an application has been approved, participants receive a monthly pre-paid debit card to pay for groceries, pharmaceuticals, utility bills and limited cash withdrawals, and then a separate amount for rent

or mortgage payments.

The amount depends on the family size and housing type; the card cannot be used for gambling.

Able-bodied workers must sign up for job placement or training programs. The first job offer is to be located within 100 kilometers of home, the second offer within 250 kilometers and the third anywhere in Italy, with some caveats.

For starters, the government expects to hire 6,000 people to beef up and implement the job-training aspect of the program.

### HOW CAN YOU LOSE THE BENEFITS?

The benefits of course end if the participant ultimately finds a job that brings them out of poverty.

But participants can lose their benefits early if they fail to sign up for the job-finding or job-training program or the community service requirement. They can also lose their benefits if they fail to update their status, incomes or family size, or if they are found to have received income on the side. □

## Manhunt on after 2 attack money transporter in Germany

Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — A manhunt was underway in western Germany for at least two masked suspects who attacked a money transport truck at the Cologne-Bonn airport and shot a guard Wednesday.

Cologne police spokesman Carsten Rust said it was not yet clear if the suspects managed to rob any money from the transport-

er, which remained at the airport in western Germany.

Surveillance camera footage published by local newspaper Rheinische Post showed two masked suspects, one of them armed, quickly taking a wheeled suitcase to a black car and driving off with high speed.

Rust confirmed the video was authentic. He said the guard was se-

verely injured by a shot in his thigh and had to undergo emergency surgery in the hospital. He was no longer in a life-threatening condition on Wednesday afternoon.

Police said the suspects later set the car on fire on the southern outskirts of Cologne.

A large manhunt was underway in the Cologne region, but for investigative reasons, Rust didn't want

to say how many officers were involved in the search.

The German news agency dpa reported that authorities were also using a helicopter to search for the assailants.

Initially Cologne police said three people were involved in the attack, but later they changed it to saying "at least two people" were involved. □

# Angry and defiant, IS families surrender in Syria

By SARAH EL DEEB  
Associated Press

**BAGHOUZ, Syria (AP)** — Angry civilians evacuating from the last shred of territory held by Islamic State militants in Syria praised the extremist group Wednesday and chanted "Islamic State will remain," underscoring the defiance of IS fighters and their supporters even as their defeat looms. There were no signs of combat on Wednesday to allow for evacuations from the IS-held pocket in the eastern Syrian village of Baghouz. Associated Press journalists positioned across from the IS-held pocket saw lines of pickup trucks, motorcycles and people walking on foot, in what appeared to be a group evacuating. The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, the group spearheading the fight against IS in Syria, has been applying a combination of military force to put pressure on the militants who refuse to surrender, fol-



Men, women and children ride in a truck after being evacuated out of the last territory held by Islamic State militants outside Baghouz, Syria, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Associated Press

lowed by pauses to allow for the evacuation of civilians.

Thousands of people have streamed out of Baghouz in the last few days under

a stepped-up assault by the U.S.-led coalition and their ground partners. The latest wave of evacuations brings the final defeat of IS by the Kurdish-led SDF a

step closer — a milestone in the devastating four-year campaign to defeat the group's so-called "caliphate" that once covered a vast territory straddling

both Syria and Iraq. On Wednesday, a group of women seen at a reception area set up in the desert, where they were screened by SDF officials, were rowdy, aggressive and defiant, praising the Islamic State group and screaming angrily at journalists. Wearing black robes with a black face cover, they pointed their fingers at the group and screamed: "Islamic State will stay, God is great, God is great, Islamic State will stay!" A couple of women took off their shoes and raised them in the direction of journalists. "Take a picture of the shoe, the shoes are better than you," one said. Children joined, raising their fingers in the air. A 30-year-old Iraqi woman said her 1-month-old baby, who was sick, died overnight in the reception area from the cold. "I didn't want to leave except to treat her," the woman who identified herself as Um Fatima said. □

# Kenya flights disrupted by airport workers strike

By TOM ODULA  
Associated Press

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** — Hundreds of air passengers were stranded Wednesday in Kenya because of a strike at Nairobi's international airport by the Kenya Aviation Workers Union. Police violently dispersed striking workers who attempted to protest at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The labor court suspended the strike until a petition by a local airline opposing the strike is heard Thursday. James Kariuki, the transport minister, said the strike was illegal because the government got court orders Tuesday barring the union from proceeding with it. Kenya's military took over screening and security services at the airport following the strike. The union said in a statement that the strike was over the proposed takeover of the Kenya Airport Authority, that runs airports, by the country's loss-mak-



Stranded passengers wait for their delayed flights out of JKIA airport in Nairobi, Kenya, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Associated Press

ing airline, Kenya Airways. It demanded the removal of the top management of Kenya Airways and the Kenya Airport Authority. Kenya Airports Authority said flight operations at

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport are steadily normalizing. "All scheduled arrivals have been processed and the backlog of departures arising from this morning's dis-

ruptions has been substantively cleared," said a statement from the authority. Kenya Airways Managing Director Sebastian Mikosz said 24 flights had been delayed and two flights had

been diverted elsewhere because of the strike. "The so called morning wave (of flights) was disrupted," he said. He said international flights will be delayed but would take off. He said the logistical challenge had been to check in passengers and screen them properly. "The process is slow but improving every minute," he said. Wyne Winters an American national stranded at the airport said it was "a little bit frustrating". "I wish the airport officials would come out and give us more information about how long we are going to wait or where we should wait. Because right now it is everybody pushing past everybody else," Kenya's parliamentary Public Investment Committee is investigating the deal which the government claims is necessary to reduce the loss of market share to competitors such as Ethiopian Airlines. □



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# North Korea said to be rebuilding structures at rocket site

By HYUNG-JIN KIM  
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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North Korea is restoring facilities at a long-range rocket launch site that it dismantled last year as part of disarmament steps, according to foreign experts and a South Korean lawmaker who was briefed by Seoul's spy service.

The finding follows a high-stakes nuclear summit last week between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump that ended without any agreement.

South Korea's National Intelligence Service provided the assessment about the North's Tongchang-ri launch site to lawmakers during a private briefing Tuesday. North Korea didn't immediately respond in its state media.

An article from 38 North, a website specializing in North Korea studies, cited commercial satellite imagery as indicating that efforts to rebuild some structures at the site started sometime between Feb. 16 and March 2.

Dismantling parts of its long-range rocket launch facility was among several steps the North took last year when it entered nuclear talks with the United States and South Korea. North Korea has carried out satellite launches at the site in recent years, resulting in U.N. sanctions over expert claims that they were disguised tests of banned missile technology.

It wasn't immediately clear how the report might affect nuclear diplomacy. The Trump-Kim summit fell apart because of differences over how much sanction relief North Korea could win in return for closing its aging main nuclear complex. The U.S. and North Korea ac-



In this April 8, 2012, file photo, a soldier stands in front of the Unha-3 rocket at a launching site in Tongchang-ri, North Korea.

Associated Press

cused each other of causing the summit breakdown, but both sides left the door open for future negotiations.

Trump said Kim told him that North Korea would continue to suspend nuclear and missile tests while negotiations are underway, and South Korea and the U.S. announced Sunday that they are eliminating massive springtime military drills and replacing them with smaller exercises in an effort to support the talks.

One of the South Korean lawmakers who attended the intelligence briefing said Wednesday that NIS director Suh Hoon said the structures being restored at the launch site include roofs and building doors. The lawmaker requested anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the information.

He quoted Suh as saying that the move could be preparation to restart long-range rocket launches if

nuclear diplomacy completely collapses, or could be an attempt to add structures that could be dramatically blown up in a show of denuclearization commitment when U.S. inspectors visit if negotiations with Washington go well.

The NIS said it couldn't confirm the report on Suh's briefing.

The 38 North report published Tuesday said the rail-mounted processing building, which is where space launch vehicles are worked on before they're moved to the launch pad, is being reassembled. It said two support cranes can be seen at the building, and walls have been erected and a new roof added.

At the engine test stand, the website said it appears that the engine support structure is being reassembled. It said new roofs have been installed on the fuel and oxidizer buildings.

The report was written by Jack Liu and Jenny Town.

Beyond Parallel, a website run by the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank, issued a similar assessment of the Tongchang-ri site. It said satellite imagery taken Saturday, two days after the failed summit, showed North Korea "is pursuing a rapid rebuilding" of the rocket site.

After repeated failures, North Korea successfully put a satellite into orbit for the first time in 2012 in a launch from the site, which is also known as the Sohae Satellite Launching Station. North Korea had another successful satellite launch in 2016.

North Korea has said its satellite launches are part of its peaceful space development program. None of the country's high-profile missile tests, including three ICBM launches in 2017, was conducted at the site.

But many outside experts say ballistic missiles and rockets used in satel-

lite launches share similar bodies, engines and other technology. They say each of the North's satellite launches was believed to have improved its missile technology.

After carrying out the third of its three ICBM launches in late 2017, North Korea claimed to be able to attack the mainland United States with nuclear-armed missiles. Foreign missile experts say the North still needs to master a few remaining technologies, such as perfecting a re-entry vehicle, to have functioning ICBMs.

In early 2018, North Korea abruptly expressed its intention to deal away its weapons arsenal in return for political and economic benefits. The North has since suspended nuclear and missile tests and dismantled its underground nuclear testing site.

Its dismantling of parts of the Tongchang-ri facility occurred at the beginning of U.S.-North Korea negotiations last year. Both the launch pad and engine test stand were in about the same condition since last August, according to the 38 North report.

After a September summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in in Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, Kim agreed to "permanently shut down" the Tongchang-ri engine test ground and rocket launch pad with the participation of foreign experts.

A statement issued by Kim and Moon categorized the steps as parts of a broader goal to make the Korean Peninsula free from nuclear weapons and nuclear threat. This could suggest that North Korea acknowledged that the Tongchang-ri site is a nuclear-related facility. □

# Gas scarcity could turn Venezuela's crisis to catastrophe

By **SCOTT SMITH**  
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**Associated Press**

**MARACAIBO, Venezuela (AP)** — Marin Mendez leaned a shoulder into his rusty Chevy Malibu, rolling it forward each time the line of cars inched closer to the pump. Waiting hours to fill up, he says, is the high cost he pays for gasoline that's nearly free in socialist Venezuela.

"You line up to get your pension, line up to buy food, line up to pump your gas," an exasperated Mendez said after 40 minutes of waiting in the sweltering heat in Maracaibo — ironically the center of the country's oil industry — and expecting to be there hours or days more. "I've had enough!"

Lines stretching a mile (kilometer) or more to fuel up have plagued this western region of Venezuela for years — despite the country's status as holder of the world's largest oil reserves. Now, shortages threaten to spread countrywide as supplies of petrol become even scarcer amid a raging struggle over political control of Venezuela.

The Trump administration hit Venezuela's state-run oil firm PDVSA with sanctions in late January in a sweeping strategy aimed at forcing President Nicolas Maduro from power in favor of opposition leader Juan Guaido.

Doomsday predictions immediately followed — mostly fueled by Maduro's opponents and U.S. officials — that Venezuela's domestic gasoline supplies would last no more than a week or so. That hasn't happened yet, but more misery is feared as expected shortages have economic implications far beyond longer gas lines, turning Venezuela's crisis to a catastrophe.

"Crucially, it will lead to more shortages of food and basic goods," said Diego Moya-Ocampos, a Venezuela analyst with the London-based consulting firm IHS Global Insight.

That's because the vast oil reserves that once made

Venezuela Latin America's wealthiest country provide the primary source of the hard currency it needs

down on the oil sector will be painful for their people, but add that the measures are necessary to keep

a quick profit. Ixchel Castro, a Mexico City-based analyst at the Wood Mackenzie energy

well as fuel in storage and shipments from India and European countries that aren't subject to sanctions. But the fuel quality will suffer and there will be shortages, Castro said.

These are already being felt in San Cristobal near the Colombian border, where 55-year-old mechanic Gerardo Marquez said he got in line one recent Monday afternoon. On Tuesday the gas truck didn't show up as promised, and on Wednesday he was still there after spending two nights with his car.

Relatives did bring him food, water and a pillow, and gave him a chance to get away for bathroom breaks, he said. But he barely napped. "We're all on guard so they don't rob us," he said.

In Maracaibo, once known as the Saudi Arabia of Venezuela as a center of the country's oil boom, residents have endured shortages for at least three years. Trucks to deliver the fuel are too few and daily power failures compound the problem, leaving gas pumps idle. Just two of Maracaibo's 150 gas stations have generators to provide gas during rampant blackouts.

Fed up with waiting in lines, the 62-year-old Marin said he plans to start hoarding gas at home, despite the danger the explosive fuel poses to his wife, children and grandchildren. He relies on his car for his part-time job ferrying paying customers to supplement his modest \$6-a-month pension checks.

In the capital, Caracas, residents brace for shortages like these to finally hit them. The metropolitan area of 7 million people has so far been immune to frustrating gas lines.

But an attendant at a PDVSA station sees them coming, recounting how a customer filled up his car then returned a few minutes later with an empty tank. He'd siphoned his tank to get around a government ban on filling up gas cans to crack down on smugglers. □



In this Jan. 30, 2019 photo, bottles of black market gasoline sit for sale on a sidewalk in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

**Associated Press**

to import food and other goods. Today, its basic infrastructure — roads, power grid, water lines and oil refineries — is crumbling. Food and medicine, nearly all of it imported, are scarce and expensive as Venezuela endures the world's highest inflation.

Critics blame Venezuela's collapse on the government's two decades of self-proclaimed "socialist revolution," which has been marred by corruption and mismanagement, first under the late Hugo Chavez and now under Maduro's rule.

The U.S. sanctions essentially cut PDVSA off from its Houston-based subsidiary Citgo, depriving it of \$11 billion in hard currency from exports this year that U.S. officials say bankrolled Maduro's "dictatorship." U.S. officials have turned control of Citgo over to Guaido's interim government, essentially expropriating the company, a strategy Venezuela's socialist government employed for years by seizing private companies.

Opposition leaders bent on ousting Maduro say they recognize the U.S. crack-

Maduro's government from further looting Venezuelan resources.

Meanwhile, a defiant Maduro says the economic war led by the White House is a precursor to a military invasion to oust him from power and seize Venezuela's vast oil wealth. Maduro tweeted a warning on Wednesday that nobody should be fooled by apparent gestures of assistance, alluding to tons of U.S. humanitarian aid he recently blocked from entering.

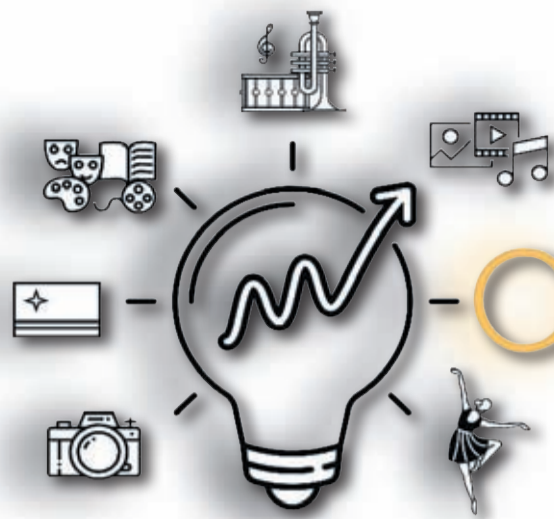
"The Venezuelan opposition and the U.S. government don't want to help the country," Maduro said.

"Just the opposite. They crave our natural resources. They want to unleash 'The Oil War' to invade and dominate our homeland." Despite years of economic decline leading to Venezuela's current crisis, residents enjoy some of the world's cheapest gasoline — filling up a tank for less than a penny. But gas is already hard to get in Maracaibo and other cities along the Colombian border, where smugglers sneak Venezuela's dirt-cheap fuel into the neighboring country, selling it at international prices for

research firm, said Venezuela's domestic gasoline supply has been down by as much as 15 percent in recent years as the country's refineries and infrastructure fail — a trend that is expected to accelerate. PDVSA provided 160,000 barrels a day for domestic use last year, but with the U.S. sanctions and ongoing infrastructure challenges, that supply can be expected to fall to 60,000 barrels a day, she said, meeting just 38 percent of the country's needs.

Exacerbating the problem are shortages of diluent, a critical product needed to thin Venezuela's tar-like heavy crude so it can be piped over 100 miles (160 kilometers) from the field to be turned into gasoline. Russia has stepped in, sending two tankers of the thinner, but these supplies will last just five to 10 days, said Russ Dallen, managing partner of Caracas Capital, a brokerage company. "It's nothing," he said. "It's a drop in the bucket of what they need."

Gasoline won't completely dry up in Venezuela, which still has access to waning domestic production, as



# Creative Islander

By Thais G. Franken

## Choose what you Love to Study

**MAASTRICHT — Culture and creativity starts at a young age and evolves significantly as we become adults. Today we are going to focus a bit more on the role of education in creating a more cultural aware and creative society. Over the past months we discussed both socio-economic and cultural developments and their benefits regarding a Cultural and Creative Industry (CCI) implementation on the island. Education was an important element in the overall framework because it provides the means to shape our community and inspire them to appreciate culture and to develop the ability to express creativity in all spectrums of their lives. Following our special series called the Creative Islander "Artist Edition", where for the upcoming months the Creative Islander will feature students, young professionals and/or creative workers whom are active in the Cultural and Creative scene in Aruba and/or abroad. Today we will learn more about Daylan Krozendijk, who is a senior theatre student at Hogeschool voor de Kunsten Utrecht (HKU). "Choose a study that you really love and you will never feel like you have to learn, but that you want to learn."**



Daylan is a 24 years old Aruban student living in Utrecht, a vibrant multicultural student city in the Netherlands. He is a senior, so this is his last study year part of the Bachelors of Theatre in Education at the HKU. Like many Aruban students who finish high school the decision is difficult in deciding what to study. For some this is easier, but in Daylan's case after finishing VWO, he studied for one year at the University of Aruba. However, he knew this wasn't what he wanted for his life and so he took a year off and worked in the meantime. In March of 2015 he took a trip to The Netherlands to audition at the HKU as part of the enrollment procedure of this bachelor. There were two auditions he had to commit to, one in March and one in April and each audition had two rounds. "Out of the approximately 250 students who participated, only 21 were accepted, so the odds were pretty much against me. Luckily I got accepted and now, nearly four years later, I am almost at the finish line".

Currently, he is working on a play with two children and two students from the Hogeschool van Amsterdam (HvA). Next to this, he also doing an internship at the HvA at the "pabo" where they educate students to become primary school teachers. Daylan's research is also regarding the way they educate primary school teachers, so it is a perfect combination. Overall, in his free time, Daylan enjoys going to different plays, hanging out with his friends, watch Netflix and play games.

### Why did you choose to study what you are studying?

When Daylan was in high school at Colegio Arubano, like all enrolled students he had the opportunity to get art classes in the curriculum. It is there where he started to like the subject of "drama" and to his surprise he was good at it too. "Due to my interest in the subject my mother came across some local theatre directors on the island who needed actors for their play. It is there where my love for theatre began, but I had always seen it as a hobby, never thought of making a career out of it". Daylan had been wrestling with his academic choice at this point and it wasn't until he studied something that he didn't care for and until he began working on Aruba that he realized how important it is to choose something that makes you happy and that you truly enjoy as a career choice. "Choose a study that you really love and you will never feel like you have to learn, but that you want to learn". And that's exactly what I did, and to this day I have no regrets whatsoever with my choice!"

### How is it like studying art in The Netherlands?

"Studying the arts in The Netherlands is an amazing experience. It really changed my perspective on a lot of things and opened my mind to think differently and creatively". While studying arts at the HKU Daylan got to see and experience a lot of things that are out of the ordinary and that you wouldn't easily experience if you're doing any other kind of study. Next to studying, Daylan has acted in plays that really elevated his acting skills and he has seen some plays that have truly showed him what theatre can do to someone or to a whole community when it is treated as a real job and given its place. When talking about theatre it is not only about comedy plays, which most

Arubans are used to, but also tragic plays that brings up a certain emotion to the public. Also, politically engaged plays that emphasizes a problem or topic in the society, through which perhaps you can achieve a new perspective on while forming your opinion with diligence. "Of course it's not always smooth sailing when doing a study in the arts here in The Netherlands. On one side, they pushed me during my study to think further than the usual convictions of society and they pushed my cultural boundaries of what is allowed and what goes too far. A very simple example of this, is how we see nudity on Aruba. You will almost never find nudity in theatres, plays or performances on Aruba". Thus, studying art in The Netherlands has allowed Daylan to develop other ideologies and has exposed him to difference.

### Do you feel that you personally developed your creative skills and cultural knowledge growing up?

At Colegio Arubano they teach all four art disciplines: dance, drama, music and visual arts. Like I mentioned earlier, Daylan was very much active in participating in plays on the island. These opportunities really helped him to further develop his creative skills while growing up. "However, I can't say that this is equally so for all children and teens growing up on Aruba. I know that not all high schools on Aruba want or have the resources to give all four art disciplines for example and drama at primary schools is almost non-existing". Next to the education Daylan was exposed to at school, his mother and aunt really pushed him to participate in cultural events such as 'Dia di Betico' or 'Dera Gai' due to their cultural organization 'Fundacion Mi Cutisa'.

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"In my case, I had enough input to form my creative skills and cultural knowledge. What I mostly lacked regarding theatre, that I eventually got here in The Netherlands, is the opportunity to witness professional plays on a regular basis". Nonetheless, when I was growing up, there were simply not enough plays being showed on the island to further learn from them. Something that I fear is still not happening.

### Developing a Cultural and Creative Industry on Aruba?

Daylan believes there are lots of benefits in developing a Cultural and Creative Industry on Aruba. It is merely about creating a CCI, because in his eyes the industry is already there, it's simply a matter of focusing on the parts of the industry that need more development, such as film, television and of course theatre. "However, I must say that I believe that before we even begin to give form to these areas of the Creative Industry we must first educate our children and the community of the importance of the arts and the importance of this Creative Industry". For example, how a CCI stimulate new jobs, create more opportunities for many students to return or to go and study something in the arts industry without having the risk of not returning to Aruba. Also, how a CCI can affect our economy by having more creative thinkers in businesses and marketing to further boost their income by attractive marketing. More importantly, this can also have an impact on our tourism by not just selling sandy beaches and fancy dining, but also a cultural experience and getting to know the Aruban culture.

### What creative sectors do you feel should be part of the Aruban CCI?

"I believe that all sectors of the CCI should be evenly developed on Aruba. But seeing my background, I firmly think that theatre as a whole, such as; plays, musicals, performances, TV, and film should become a bigger part of the Cultural and Creative Industry on Aruba". From a theatrical standpoint, Daylan feels that Aruba can achieve a lot with theatre. Think of for example plays that can educate the Aruban society on worrying topics such as teen pregnancy or alcoholism or by giving training courses in theatre to business people, stimulating their creative thinking for their jobs. The industry can

also export plays or musicals, therefore exporting our island's cultural image to our neighboring islands Curaçao and Bonaire. While we are at it and since on Aruba we can all speak four languages, why not America, Europe and South America. "But again, this can only be done once we start to appreciate the arts for what they are and really seeing the potential that the arts and the Cultural and Creative Industry has within in if given the time, care and resources needed. And this begins in my perspective within education, it's the future generation that we need stimulate in doing this".

### Do you see differences in creative and cultural developments between The Netherlands and Aruba?

"There are definitely differences between the creative and cultural developments between Aruba and The Netherlands, yet I don't think that this necessarily means that one is better than the other". Daylan feels if we are to compare these two countries with each other, it's important to perceive things subjectively. In the Netherlands, there is ongoing research being conducted on how to stimulate the arts in the education programs. On an artistic level, theatre groups and cultural organizations gets funds from the government to carry out their projects. However, keeping in mind the size of Aruba and its cultural history, we can conclude that the developments that are going on are also important for the island. If we think of The Aruba Art Fair or Aruba Fashion Week and the fact that more school musicals are being made and presented to the public, "I can surely say that there is positive change being done within the community. Is there room for improvement? Definitely!"

### Are creative skills and cultural development important in a child's upbringing?

During Daylan's studies in Theatre in Education he has witnessed how important theatre is for the education and upbringing of children. Especially during their primary school period, the subject "drama" can help children think creatively, understand their emotions, stimulate team work and build up their confidence to stand in front of a group and present something. Thus, Daylan emphasizes that these creative skills are not only important in an educational context, but also crucial in any function one might take in a future job. "Again, I can



mostly speak out of a theatrical and educational perspective, but I also know that within the other art disciplines you also learn skills that can have an important contribution for your creative and general development. I also believe that it is important to create a cultural awareness of ourselves and other cultures". This will result in children understanding their own culture better and that from others. With this, we can learn to love and respect both for what they are and the role they have in our lives.

### Do you think creativity is lacking in the Aruban education system?

"I don't believe that creativity is lacking in the Aruban education system. The creativity is there, it has always been there, it's just a matter of stimulating this creativity and guiding and bringing out the best of it". Daylan feels that Aruba needs to learn to embrace this creativity and optimizing it. This is something that he feels is currently lacking in the education system on Aruba. Let's take children from ages of 4 to 6 for example. In kindergarten, you constantly see children playing rolls and imitating their parents or important people in our society such as the policeman or firefighters. Ultimately, what they are learning and doing is how to empathize with someone by stepping in their rolls. Knowing this, Daylan suggests that this way teachers can tell stories with moral lessons, while the children act out these roles. This is a simple way to improve drama education for toddlers and by doing so encouraging their creativity, while learning valuable lessons for their future.

### What does your future look like?

"After finishing my study, I hope to go back to Aruba and work at the IPA where I can train students who are studying to become primary school teachers. I'd love to give drama classes to them in the hope that I can inspire them to

give drama to their pupils in the future". Next to this, Daylan also wishes to make theatre plays with different groups of people, amateur children and amateur adults, but also people who already have experience in acting. Daylan can also see himself giving workshops to any group of people, business, students, elderly or anyone who is interested in the theatre and acting.

### What tips can you give Aruban students that want to study arts?

"Don't let anyone or anything demotivate you or influence you in thinking that the arts or any profession in the Creative and Cultural Industry is of lesser importance or that it shouldn't be taken seriously". Daylan expressed that at the end of the day, none of those people are going to be the one delving the books and putting in the hard hours in the study. If you really enjoy the arts and if you are really passionate about something and not only just in the arts, follow that instinct and consider making it your career choice. "Consider this, even when choosing a study that you really love, there will still be certain courses that you will find difficult or that you dislike a bit, imagine if it's a study that you don't really want to do. At those times during the study, the only thing that will keep you going is that little fire of passion and love that you have for what you've chosen at the start of your journey".

The Creative Islander congratulates Daylan with the success he has attained thus far and wishes him all the best with his thesis and graduation. Thank you Daylan for sharing your story with Aruba, especially with students who are also considering studying arts or educators who are searching for more creative ways to educate our young ones. All the best going forward Daylan! We hope to hear more from you in the future. □

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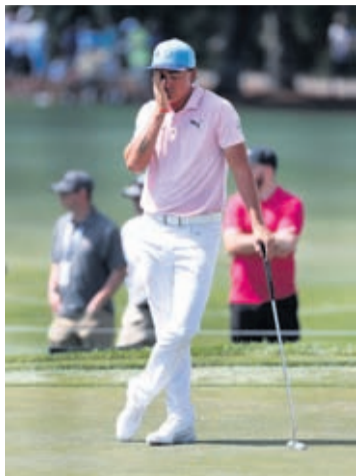
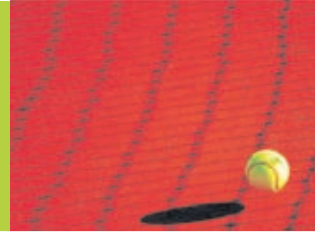
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# SPORTS



Rickie Fowler wipes his face as he waits to putt on the ninth hole during the third round of the Honda Classic golf tournament, Saturday, March 2, 2019, in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Associated Press

## Complaining about rules not doing golf any favors

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The memo PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan sent to players on the new Rules of Golf can be interpreted different ways based as much on the timing as the message.

One theme was to be patient.

"We are committed to playing under these rules as we analyze their effectiveness ... and it's important to acknowledge that we are not at the finish line yet," Monahan said in a memo sent Monday.

Another was to look at the USGA as a partner instead of a villain.

"This is a collaborative process, one the PGA Tour has been a part of from the beginning, along with all organizations in the world of golf," he wrote.

The hope is that it will lead players to stop complaining about the rules and simply follow them.

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# LIGHTNING STRIKES



## Kucherov ties Tampa single-season points mark in 5-2 win

Tampa Bay Lightning center Brayden Point celebrates his goal against the Winnipeg Jets during the third period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in Tampa, Fla.

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In this Aug. 16, 2018, file photo, Arizona Diamondbacks starting pitcher Clay Buchholz works against the San Diego Padres during the first inning of a baseball game in San Diego. Associated Press

## Buchholz joins Blue Jays after another uncertain offseason

By **NOAH TRISTER**  
AP Baseball Writer

**DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP)** — Clay Buchholz had reason to wonder if his major league career was coming to an end. For a second straight offseason, he entered spring training without a job.

"It was almost like last year," Buchholz said Wednesday. "Where you didn't know if that was it, and you weren't going to play anymore, or what was going on."

It turned out there was still some interest in Buchholz. The 34-year-old right-hander has pitched brilliantly at times in his career — but he has also dealt with injuries and even spent time in the minors last year. Now he's with the Toronto Blue Jays on a one-year, \$3 million contract that includes plenty of inning-related performance bonuses.

Buchholz pitched a decade with the Boston Red Sox, showing flashes of greatness but struggling with consistency. He threw a no-hitter in 2007 in his second major league start, then went 2-9 with a 6.75 ERA the following year. He was an All-Star in 2010 and 2013, and in the latter of those two seasons, he went 12-1 with a 1.74 ERA, eventually helping the Red Sox to a World Series title.

But even that 2013 season included injury problems, and only four times has Buchholz made more than 18 starts in a season. The Red Sox traded him to Philadelphia after an unimpressive 2016, and he made only two starts for the Phillies before an arm injury that required surgery.

He reached a minor league deal last March with the Kansas City Royals. Then he was released and signed a minor league contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He made six starts in the minors in all.

"I had to swallow a lot of pride last year to do that," Buchholz said. "Sort of felt sorry for myself there for the beginning part of it, but got over that pretty quick, and I'm glad I did it. It helped me. I learned some things last year about myself that I didn't really know, and became a little bit different pitcher."

His deal with the Blue Jays means a return to the AL East, where his former team is coming off another World Series title. The New York Yankees are also formidable. It's a division Buchholz is familiar with — but now he's at the other end of the spectrum, with a Toronto team that lost 89 games last year.

"You have to have a short

memory in this division, with the good or the bad, because there's always tomorrow, and each game that you play in division in the AL East, it's a tough game," he said. "You have to know how to take the good with the bad, and go about your business the next day."

Buchholz said he's been throwing, and he's hoping to get up to speed soon in his preseason preparation. The Blue Jays have Marcus Stroman and Aaron Sanchez at the top of their rotation, but there's a lot of uncertainty beyond those two.

"Obviously, if I would have had this opportunity a month ago, I would have been here a month ago, and I would have been ready," Buchholz said. "I told them I would keep throwing bullpens, and then once we progress to live BPs, then we'll go from there, and I'll keep an open mind with everything."

**NOTES:** The Blue Jays announced Wednesday they have finalized a minor league contract with RHP Bud Norris, who will report to major league spring training. ... Cavan Biggio, the son of Hall of Famer Craig Biggio, homered Wednesday for Toronto against the Philadelphia Phillies. □



In this Friday, June 22, 2018 file photo, Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Steven Wright delivers to the Seattle Mariners during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston. Associated Press

## Red Sox pitcher Wright suspended 80 games for HGH

**FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)** — Boston Red Sox pitcher Steven Wright will sit out the first 80 games of the season after testing positive for Human Growth Hormone, a second suspension for the knuckleballer who missed 15 games last year for violating baseball's domestic violence policy. Wright, 34, said in a statement issued through the Major League Baseball Players Association that he learned of the positive test during the offseason.

"Although I do not dispute the validity of the test, I was shocked as I have never intentionally ingested anything for performance-enhancing purposes," the statement said. "I have fully cooperated with MLB and will continue to try and identify the source of the result."

The commissioner's office said Wright tested positive for Growth Hormone Releasing Peptide 2 (GHRP-2). He is the second player under the big league program to test positive for HGH, which has been screened for by baseball in blood tests since 2013.

"While we are disappointed by the news of this violation, we will look to provide the appropriate support to Steven at this time," the Red Sox said in a statement.

Wright was arrested on Dec. 8, 2017, at his home outside of Nashville, Tennessee, and charged with domestic related assault and prevention of a 911 call, both misdemeanors. The Boston Globe reported prosecutors retired Wright's case contingent on him completing an anger management course, refraining from violent contact with his wife, and incurring no new criminal charges for a year. A starter for most of his career, Wright spent the bulk of last season in the bullpen, going 3-1 with a 2.68 ERA in 20 games. In addition to the 15-game suspension, he also missed all of April recovering from knee surgery and then went back on the disabled list with knee inflammation and missed all of August.

He was originally on the roster for the first-round playoff series against the New York Yankees, but he told manager Alex Cora before Game 1 that his knee was bothering him. He did not appear in the postseason, when the Red Sox won their fourth World Series since 2004, and he had surgery on his left knee on Nov. 12.

Wright is ineligible to play in any postseason games this year and he will lose about half of his salary of \$1,375,000. Last year's suspension cost him \$94,624 of his \$1.1 million salary.

The only other player to test positive for growth hormone under the big league program was Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Josh Ravin in 2016. Four players have tested positive for growth hormone under the minor league program since 2015. □

# Kucherov reaches points milestone, Lightning roll past Jets

**By The Associated Press**

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — Nikita Kucherov tied the Lightning's single-season points record with a pair of assists to lead Tampa Bay to a 5-2 victory against the Winnipeg Jets on Tuesday night. Kucherov's two points gave him 108 on the season to tie the single-season mark set by Vincent Lecavalier in the 2006-07 season when he finished with 52 goals and 58 assists.

The league-leading Lightning improved to 14-1-2 in the past 17 games.

Steven Stamkos scored his 34th goal of the season and 382nd of his career and is one shy of tying Lecavalier's career franchise record.

Brayden Point, Adam Erne and Yann Gourde also scored for Tampa Bay.

Andrei Vasilevskiy finished with 30 saves for his 10th consecutive victory and improved to 11-0-2 in his past 13 starts.

Blake Wheeler and Jacob Trouba scored for Winnipeg, which fell to 2-3 in the past five games.

**PENGUINS 3, PANTHERS 2, OT**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Jake Guentzel scored on a breakaway 2:44 into overtime to lift Pittsburgh past Florida.

Guentzel took a lead pass from Sidney Crosby and slipped a backhand by Roberto Luongo for his second goal of the night and 33rd this season. Pittsburgh picked up two vital points as it tries to create some breathing room in its pursuit of a playoff berth.

Crosby finished with a goal and two assists on the night he became the 48th player in NHL history to reach 1,200 points. Matt Murray had 32 saves for the Penguins.

Henrik Borgstrom and Vincent Trocheck scored for the Panthers but Florida dropped its fifth straight, four of them in overtime.

**ISLANDERS 5, SENATORS 4, SO**

**UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP)** — Jordan Eberle and Mathew Barzal scored in the shootout and New York gave coach Barry Trotz his 800th win.

Brock Nelson, Anders Lee, Devon Toews and Ross Johnston scored in regulation to help the Islanders re-

Cory Schneider had 17 saves as the Devils lost their fourth in a row.

**BRUINS 4, HURRICANES 3,**

the first four games of a season-long seven-game homestand.

Ducks backup goaltender



**Winnipeg Jets goaltender Laurent Brossoit can't stop a shot by Tampa Bay Lightning center Steven Stamkos during the second period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in Tampa, Fla. Associated Press**

cover after giving up a two-goal lead in the third period and snap a two-game skid. Robin Lehner stopped 21 shots before leaving with an injury late in the third period. Thomas Greiss came on, stopped both shots he faced through overtime and denied Thomas Chabot and Bobby Ryan in the shootout.

The Islanders pulled into a tie with Washington atop the Metropolitan Division.

Oscar Lindberg, Ryan, Zack Smith and Jean-Gabriel Pageau scored for the Senators, who went to their first shootout this season and lost for the ninth time in 11 games. Craig Anderson finished with 34 saves.

**BLUE JACKETS 2, DEVILS 1, SO**

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Cam Atkinson and Artemi Panarin scored in the shootout and Sergei Bobrovsky stopped both New Jersey attempts to give Columbus the win.

Atkinson also scored the Columbus goal in regulation. Bobrovsky had 29 saves as the Blue Jackets beat the Devils for the seventh straight time, including all four this season.

Travis Zajac scored for New Jersey in regulation and

**SO**

**BOSTON (AP)** — David Krejci scored 1:46 into overtime, and Boston ended Carolina's five-game winning streak.

Jake DeBrusk had a goal and an assist, setting up the game-winner after making a steal in the corner and sending a crossing pass to Krejci in the slot.

Chris Wanger and Patrice Bergeron also scored for the Bruins, who have earned at least a point in 17 straight games. Jaroslav Halak stopped 35 shots for Boston.

Sebastian Aho scored twice for Carolina. Justin Williams also scored for the Hurricanes, and Curtis McElhinney finished with 34 saves.

**DUCKS 3, COYOTES 1**

**GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)** — Adam Henrique and Troy Terry scored power-play goals in the third period, Anaheim ended Arizona's NHL-long six-game winning streak.

Jakob Silfverberg had a goal and an assist for the Ducks, who had scored only seven goals while losing five of their previous six. Lawson Crouse scored his career-high 11th goal for the Coyotes, who had won

Ryan Miller made 22 saves. He had lost his previous two starts.

**PREDATORS 5, WILD 4, SO NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Ryan Johansen scored the lone goal in a shootout and Nashville got its second win against Minnesota in three nights.

Johansen also got the game-winner in the fourth round of a shootout Sunday when the Predators edged the Wild 3-2 in Minnesota. This time, he scored after Kyle Turris, Ryan Ellis and Filip Forsberg all were stopped.

Viktor Arvidsson had a goal and an assist. Roman Josi, Brian Boyle and Craig Smith also scored for Nashville.

Kevin Fiala scored two goals in his first multi-goal game this season against his old team, the second forcing OT to earn the Wild a point in their seventh straight game. Pontus Aberg and Eric Fehr each scored for Minnesota, which entered in the second wild-card slot in the Western Conference.

**AVALANCHE 4, RED WINGS 3, OT**

**DENVER (AP)** — Nathan MacKinnon scored 2:29 into overtime and also had an assist to help Colorado rally past skidding Detroit.

MacKinnon's 34th goal of the season gave Colorado two valuable points in the Western Conference wild-card chase. The Avalanche kept pace with Dallas and gained a point on Minnesota, which lost in a shootout at Nashville.

Mikko Rantanen had a goal and two assists for Colorado, and Tyson Barrie tied it late in the third period. He also had an assist.

Filip Zadina, Niklas Kronwall and Danny DeKeyser scored for Detroit, and Jonathan Bernier made 30 saves.

**STARS 1, RANGERS 0**

**DALLAS (AP)** — Ben Bishop made 28 saves in his 28th career shutout, John Klingberg scored a second-period goal and Dallas beat New York.

Dallas won its third straight to move one point ahead of Minnesota for the first wild card from the Western Conference.

Klingberg provided the offense 1:16 into the second period. He took a cross-ice pass from Miro Heiskanen at the blue line, skated to the top of the right circle and sent a wrist shot into the net off the left goalpost.

Alexandar Georgiev had 31 saves for New York, which hasn't won in five games.

**CANADIENS 3, KINGS 1**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Carey Price tied Jacques Plante for most career wins by a Montreal goalie, making 26 saves in a victory over Los Angeles.

Price won his 314th game in 611 appearances for the Canadiens, matching the total Plante had in 556 games with the team.

Montreal remained tied with Pittsburgh for the first Eastern Conference wild card, two points ahead of Columbus.

Brendan Gallagher extended his scoring streak to four games. Jordan Weal scored in his Canadiens debut and Shea Weber made it 3-0 early in the third period.

Matt Luff scored and Jonathan Quick stopped 21 shots for the Kings, who lost for the 11th time in 12 games. □

# Harden scores 35, Rockets beat Raptors 107-95

**By The Associated Press**  
**TORONTO (AP)** — James Harden scored 35 points, Gerald Green had 11 of his 18 in the fourth quarter and the Houston Rockets beat the Toronto Raptors 107-95 on Tuesday night. Eric Gordon and Austin Rivers each scored 13 points as the Rockets won their sixth straight, matching a season high. Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points and Serge Ibaka had 10 points and 15 rebounds for Toronto. Pascal Siakam had 17 points, and Danny Green 14 as the Raptors had their seven-game home winning streak snapped.

Harden, the NBA's leading scorer, made 12 of 30 shots, including three of nine from long range. He was perfect at the foul line, hitting all eight of his attempts. Harden has scored 28 or more points in 39 straight games, the second-longest streak in NBA history. Wilt Chamberlain (71 games) holds the record.

**CELTICS 128, WARRIORS 95 OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Gordon Hayward scored 30 points off the bench, Kyrie Irving had 19 points and 11 assists, and Boston ran away from the Golden State early in a game that turned testy with the two-

time defending champions down big. Jayson Tatum scored 17 points for the Celtics, who came in having lost five of six since the All-Star break. Stephen Curry provided a bright spot with 23 points and four 3-pointers on a night Splash Brother Klay Thompson sat out with soreness in his right knee. Kevin Durant scored 18 points but committed five turnovers, while DeMarcus Cousins wound up with 10 points on 4-for-12 shooting — missing all five of his 3-point tries — and nine rebounds to go with four turnovers.

**76ERS 114, MAGIC 106 PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — JJ Redick hit six 3-pointers and scored 26 points to break out of a slump and lead Philadelphia over Orlando. Redick was 5 of 6 from 3-point range in the first half (7 of 10 overall) and paced an offense that shot 64 percent in the half and led 70-64. He had been seriously slumping — going 23 of 81 overall over his last seven games and hitting 15 3s. Redick had his first 20-point game since Feb. 10 against the Lakers. Ben Simmons had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Sixers. Evan Fournier led the Mag-

ic with 25 points and Aaron Gordon had 24.

**PACERS 105, BULLS 96 INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Bojan Bogdanovic scored 27 points, Darren Collison added 22 and Indiana beat Chicago. Indiana was looking to build momentum heading into a crucial 11-game stretch during which the Pacers will play Oklahoma City and Denver twice each and visit Milwaukee, Golden State and Boston. Chicago was led by Zach LaVine with 27 points. Robin Lopez had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Bulls lost their fifth in a row to Indiana, including all four games this season. Lauri Markkanen finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

**GRIZZLIES 120, TRAIL BLAZERS 111 MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)** — Mike Conley scored 19 of his career-high 40 points in the fourth quarter as Memphis used a late rally to beat Portland. Conley made six of his seven shots in the fourth as Memphis erased a nine-point Portland lead in the final quarter with a 38-25 scoring advantage in the period. Delon Wright matched his career high with 25 points and Jonas Valanciunas finished with 17.



**Boston Celtics' Jaylen Brown, center, shoots between Golden State Warriors' Jacob Evans (10) and DeMarcus Cousins during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in Oakland, Calif.**

**Associated Press**

CJ McCollum led Portland with 27 points, while Damian Lillard added 24. Maurice Harkless finished with 20 points.

**TIMBERWOLVES 131, THUNDER 120 MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Karl-Anthony Towns had 41 points and 14 rebounds as Minnesota spoiled Paul George's return to the Oklahoma City lineup. Towns has 182 points over his last five games, the best

five-game stretch in team history. He fell one point shy of tying his season high. The Timberwolves, who snapped a three-game skid, have won all three meetings against the Thunder. Derrick Rose added 19 points and Andrew Wiggins scored 18 for Minnesota. Thunder guard Russell Westbrook had a team-high 38 points on 15-of-28 shooting. □

# Andrew Bogut rejoining Warriors, adds depth at center



**In this May 1, 2016, file photo, Golden State Warriors center Andrew Bogut (12) dunks against Portland Trail Blazers forward Al-Farouq Aminu (8) during the first half in Game 1 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, in Oakland, Calif.**

**Associated Press**

**By JANIE McCAULEY**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — The Golden State Warriors signed Andrew Bogut, who is expected to rejoin the team next week and add depth heading into the playoffs.

The Warriors made the announcement Wednesday, after Bogut was cleared by his Australian team, the Sydney Kings. The Warriors are without Damian Jones, who needed surgery after injuring his left pectoral muscle in December. "He's still got something to offer," coach Steve Kerr said. "Whatever role that means, he's ready to accept and take on the challenge and we're excited to have him."

Golden State has struggled defensively, losing in embarrassing fashion at home to Boston 128-95 on Tuesday night, so Bogut's 7-foot presence in the paint could be timely.

He played on the Warriors' 2015 champion team and the 73-win team the following season that lost in Game 7 of the NBA Finals to LeBron

James and the Cavaliers.

"I think it will be great for us to have Bogut back," Draymond Green said after Wednesday's practice, when the two-time defending champions met and re-established their goals. "We all know what Bogut brings to the table, so I think it will overall help us, especially going down this stretch where it's going to be a tough run to try to three-peat."

The 2005 No. 1 overall draft pick out of Utah, Bogut appeared in 23 games for the Lakers last season and made five starts. He averaged 1.6 points and 3.4 rebounds in 9.4 minutes.

Bogut was injured in Game 5 of the 2016 NBA Finals and missed the rest of the series. Then he got traded to Dallas to create salary cap room for Golden State to sign Kevin Durant, who went on to become back-to-back Finals MVP while bringing the franchise two more titles.

The Warriors scouted the 34-year-old in Australia and had to wait on his work visa and clearance from FIBA to sign him. □

## IndyCar welcomes A.J. Foyt and Robert Wickens back to track

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —

The first IndyCar race of the season will see both A.J. Foyt and paralyzed driver Robert Wickens back at the track.

Wickens suffered a spinal cord injury in a crash last August and has been rehabilitating in Denver the last several months. The Canadian said he will be part of IndyCar's driver autograph session and participate in a fan event Sunday before the race in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Wickens made his IndyCar debut on the streets of St. Petersburg last year, starting from the pole and leading every lap until he was spun by Alexander Rossi with two laps remaining. He had four podium finishes and was sixth in the standings when he was injured with three races remaining. Foyt, meanwhile, has not been to an IndyCar race since June. The four-time Indianapolis 500 winner had back surgery in July and then a staph infection, the third for the 84-year-old Texan.

He attended last month's



In this Feb. 17, 2019, file photo, former race car driver A.J. Foyt speaks at a news conference before the start of the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Daytona 500 and acknowledged he has been slowed by poor health and a dislike for hearing aids, but his workload remains about the same.

Foyt said through A.J. Foyt Racing on Wednesday that he had to have a bulldozer pulled from a pond and

narrowly avoided yet another encounter with bees. The bulldozer incident occurred, Foyt said, as he was digging and the "dozer just slipped down."

"It was real muddy and I tried to go faster to get up and out but the machine just slipped further down,"

he said. "So I stopped before the whole thing went under. I had to have two guys help pull me out because I was in quicksand, I couldn't climb out myself, and I lost a shoe."

Foyt has twice been attacked by bees — a 2005 attack that left 200 stingers

in his head, and another attack last year that his team characterized as more severe "and more dangerous because he had been sensitized to bee stings from his first encounter."

A few weeks ago, Foyt said, he was planning to move a tree on his Texas ranch with a bulldozer when a friend offered to do it instead and wound up being attacked by bees.

"I was in another tractor with a closed cab and saw them chasing him and he was slapping at them and going backward to get away," Foyt said.

"And I thought, 'Man, I'm glad I'm not in that one.' He got stung pretty good, his face was swollen and he got a black eye. He was lucky they were honey bees, not killer bees, because he could get away from them. I felt sorry for him."

Foyt said at Daytona in February that he's ceded daily operations of A.J. Foyt Racing to his son, Larry, and only gets involved with the team when they ask him for money. The team fields cars for Tony Kanaan and Matheus Leist. □

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## Oklahoma coach defends QB Kyler Murray against TV critique



Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray (11) watches drills at the NFL football scouting combine with North Dakota State quarterback Easton Stick in Indianapolis, Saturday, March 2, 2019.

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By CLIFF BRUNT  
AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) —

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley on Wednesday ripped the criticism of former Sooners quarterback Kyler Murray by a NFL Network analyst. There has been talk that Murray, the Heisman Trophy winner this past season, could go to the Arizona Cardinals with the No. 1 overall pick. The NFL Network's Charley Casserly, a former executive with the Washington Redskins and Houston Texans, said Murray fared poorly during interviews at the NFL scouting combine, and the responses from his team sources were the "worst comments I ever got on a high-rated quarterback."

"Leadership — not good," Casserly said. "Study habits — not good. The board work — below not good.

Not good at all in any of those areas and raising major concerns about what this guy's going to do."

"What I don't like about that is you've got a guy on TV doing this reporting — and I know Charley Casserly's had a decorated career in the NFL and has done a lot of tremendous things," Riley said. "To me, it always seems strange — you go on the deal and say your sources, No. 1, and then you're going to go on and talk like you're an expert on somebody that you've never met. You've never talked to his position coach or head coach at any level about him, and you've never talked to any players who've played with the guy about how he leads. Now we're going to be an expert on how he leads." Riley said the fact that Murray has been a win-

ner at every level speaks for itself. Last season, he led the Sooners to a Big 12 title and a spot in the College Football Playoff in his only season as a starter at Oklahoma. He also was the No. 9 overall pick in the 2018 Major League Baseball draft. "If I was going to pick out a guy that I was going to complain about their leadership, I would probably pick a guy that maybe has had a season end without a championship in his career," Riley said.

Riley said he and Casserly clearly have different sources.

"I've had a number of teams that met personally with Kyler at the combine that called me after and raved about the kid," he said. "Not everybody is going to love you. He's going to have plenty that are going to love him." □

## Andy Murray upbeat after hip surgery, hopes to play again

**LONDON (AP)** — Andy Murray says he is pain-free after hip surgery but likely won't play at Wimbledon. Murray tells the BBC in an interview he wants to continue playing but the surgeons "couldn't give me any guarantees." The three-time Grand Slam champion says "I don't feel any pressure to come back. If it allows me to play that's brilliant." After an emotional Australian Open exit in January, Murray had an operation to repair his damaged right hip with a metal implant. The 32-year-old Murray says he is now without pain for the first time in 18 months but cannot do "any high-impact movement." Murray, who has two



Britain's Andy Murray poses during the Castore partnership announcement at the Queen's Club, in London, Wednesday March 6, 2019.

**Associated Press** daughters, says "having the surgery was to improve all the day-to-day things and my quality of life." □

## Olympic slalom champion Hansdotter to retire after season

**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — Olympic slalom champion Frida Hansdotter will retire from Alpine skiing's World Cup next week, ending a years-long rivalry with Mikaela Shiffrin. "It's time for me to say goodbye to the world cup circuit and start a new chapter in life," the 33-year-old Swede said Wednesday on Instagram. Hansdotter has been one of Shiffrin's biggest rivals

since the American star started dominating slalom in the 2012-13 season. She finished on the podium behind Shiffrin in three world championship races, then took the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympic title when defending champion Shiffrin was fourth. Hansdotter won the season-long World Cup slalom title and crystal trophy in 2016, when Shiffrin missed some races through injury. □

## Ex-NFL, CFL coach Trestman will lead Tampa Bay XFL team

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — One-time NFL and Canadian Football League coach Marc Trestman will be the coach and general manager of the XFL's Tampa Bay franchise. The league announced the move Tuesday, with XFL Commissioner and CEO Oliver Luck calling Trestman "just the kind of offensive-minded coach whose style will fit the up-tempo, fast-paced game" the XFL plans to feature. Trestman was coach of the Chicago Bears from 2013 to 2014 and won three Grey Cup championships as coach of the CFL's Montreal Alouettes (2009, 2010) and Toronto Argonauts (2017). □



Justin Thomas reacts after missing a putt on the 11th hole during the final round of the Honda Classic golf tournament, Sunday, March 3, 2019, in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

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## Complaining about rules

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The latter has not been as big of a problem as the media — social or otherwise — has let on. According to ShotLink data that tracks every shot on the PGA Tour, only three penalties under the new rules have been assessed to tour members on roughly 258,000 shots hit this year. One of them was last week in the Honda Classic when Adam Schenk was penalized two shots because his caddie was standing behind him for a tough shot out of the bunker. The caddie alignment rule already was adjusted on the fly a month earlier in Phoenix, allowing a player to avoid the penalty if he steps out of his stance. Schenk didn't, even though it was evident his caddie was there to discuss the best way to play the shot, not to show him where to hit it. No matter. Modern rules are still written in black and white. That's when Justin Thomas, who earlier in the week had said the new rules were "terrible," tweeted the ruling with two hashtags: growthegame and USGA. The USGA, a convenient scapegoat from too many U.S. Opens that were marred by rules disputes

(Oakmont) or course setup (Saturday at Shinnecock), decided to bite back with a tweet that was shockingly inappropriate for such an austere organization that has been around for 114 years. It accused Thomas of canceling every meeting they had scheduled, noted that USGA rules experts were on site for five straight tournaments to start the year (Thomas played three of them) and suggested that he "call us." He did. And it turned nasty. Thomas said no meetings were ever scheduled, much less canceled, and the USGA tweet was inaccurate. The USGA soon sent another tweet thanking Thomas for getting in touch with them "offline" (translation: privately). Monahan says USGA chief executive Mike Davis left him a message saying he would call Thomas to apologize. On Tuesday, the USGA corrected itself with another tweet — lacking an apology — saying that Thomas did not cancel any meeting or dodge any discussion and that it valued all the players' opinions. So maybe the USGA deserves some credit. If not for the original tweet, odds are Monahan would not have sent the memo to players. The message still needed

to be delivered. "It was important to remind the membership of the role we play, how important their voices are and to continue to make certain our players give us constructive feedback we need to have a proper discussion with the governing bodies," Monahan said Tuesday at Bay Hill. Some of the feedback hasn't been all that constructive. Rickie Fowler, penalized in Mexico City after failing to drop the ball from knee-height, said the new rules are "not doing any favors to our sport." Neither was Fowler by not taking ownership of his mistake, instead suggesting the rule will be changed. Thomas thinks the new rules are terrible, a blanket statement for 24 rules, most of which have introduced common sense that have been lacking (removing a leaf from a bunker, repairing spike marks on the green, eliminating penalties for accidentally moving your ball on the green). During five years of meetings to reshape the rules, the PGA Tour had some 50 items on its list of proposals. Tyler Dennis, the tour's vice president of competition, said virtually all of them were incorporated. This wasn't just a USGA and R&A function. It was everyone. □

# U.S. wraps up SheBelieves Cup with 1-0 win over Brazil

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
AP Sports Writer

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — While the United States didn't win the SheBelieves Cup tournament on home soil, coach Jill Ellis is still encouraged with the team's progress as it prepares for the women's World Cup.

Tobin Heath scored in the first half and the United States finished the SheBelieves Cup with a 1-0 victory over Brazil on Tuesday night.

"I've already come out of this tournament with less question marks, because of the takeaways in terms of personnel and different things that we've seen, and that feels good," Ellis said. "Obviously you want to lift that trophy, 100 percent, you want to win every game, but now it's going in with even more clarity. I think that's a positive."

It was the final game of the four-team, round-robin tournament played in three cities. England defeated Japan 3-0 in the early game at Raymond James Stadium on Tuesday to win the SheBelieves Cup title. The United States finished second on points.

All four teams are in the top 10 of the FIFA rankings and will play in the World Cup in France later this year. The Americans, ranked No. 1, are the defending champi-

ons of soccer's most prestigious tournament.

The United States played to a 2-2 draw with Japan in the tournament opener in Chester, Pennsylvania, and then tied England 2-2 in Nashville on Saturday. Brazil, ranked No. 10, lost all three of its matches.

Alyssa Naeher, the presumed U.S. starter in goal for the World Cup, injured her shoulder in the opener against Japan. Adrianna Franch got her first cap for the United States in the draw against England.

But on Tuesday, Ellis opted to start goalkeeper Ashlyn Harris, who is a Florida native. Harris stopped a free kick from Orlando Pride teammate Marta late in the match.

"I'm very proud of the shut-out and I'm proud of the performance," Harris said. "Moving forward we have to be better, though."

The United States went ahead in the 20th minute when Heath buried a rebound while Brazil's goalkeeper was out of position. It was Heath's 27th international goal.

Alex Morgan remained one goal away from reaching 100 for her career, which will tie her with Tiffeny Milbrett for sixth on the team's career list. She had a header in the 73rd minute that she lofted just wide.



United States' Tobin Heath, second from right, is congratulated on her goal by Mallory Pugh (11), Megan Rapinoe and Alex Morgan (13) during the first half of a SheBelieves Cup soccer match against Brazil Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in Tampa, Fla.

Morgan led the team with 18 goals last year, and she has 26 goals over her last 30 national team matches. Heath assessed the team's overall performance afterward.

"I think there are a lot of things we can learn and grow from. On the defensive front it's eliminating errors, figuring how we concede goals, why we concede goals, and fixing those things," she said.

"Then on the attacking front it's just converting,

and I think that final piece, the final pass, the final finish. ... That's where we're at right now, and it's not a bad place to be at," Heath added. "The game's the greatest teacher, and there's a lot we can learn from this tournament."

Earlier Tuesday, England scored all three goals in the first 30 minutes against Japan.

"This is nice, we're happy, but for me it's small compared to where we want to be," England coach Phil

Neville said. "This is just the first step."

The United States will continue its 10-match tour in preparation for the World Cup next month, when the team faces Australia in Commerce City, Colorado, on April 4 and Belgium in Los Angeles on April 7. The Americans open World Cup group play on June 11 against Thailand.

England and Japan play in the same group in France and meet again on June 19. □

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## Little League to include Cuban youth players

By ANDREA RODRIGUEZ Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — Cuban baseball and Little League International said Wednesday that young Cuban players will soon be able to participate in international Little League tournaments. The agreement follows a deal between Major League Baseball and the Cuban Baseball Federation that will allow Cuban players to legally play professionally in the United States for the first time.

The two organizations said that Cuba's programs for children between 4 and 12 will now be included in Little

League's international programs, including the Little League International Tournament. The Cubans will have a chance to qualify at the Caribbean Region Tournament in Curacao in July.

"It's encouraging for the family, for the children, for the coaches ... who with their work and effort will have a chance to represent Cuba in an event of this magnitude," said Higinio Velez, president of the Cuban Baseball Federation.

Little League International said it would work with Cuba's baseball federation to

provide support for things including tournament travel, field renovation and equipment such as shoes and uniforms.

"One of the most important things we've thought about ... is the value of developing friendly relationships through children who play baseball," said Little League President Stephen Keener, who traveled to Cuba to sign the agreement.

The deal comes at a time of high tension between Cuba and the Trump administration, which is increasing pressure on the island's socialist government. □



Stephen D. Keener, Little League International president, left, holds still for photos as he gifts a jersey to Antonio Castro, son of Cuba's late leader Fidel Castro who represents Cuban baseball, during a ceremony in Havana, Cuba, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

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# iPhone sales are falling, and Apple's app fees might be next

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**

— Last year, every time someone paid \$11 for Netflix through an iPhone app, Apple pocketed as much as \$3.30. Multiply that by every charge made through iPhone apps and you can see why Netflix and other companies are fed up about what they consider Apple's unfair market power.

Late last year, Netflix rebelled against Apple's fees, which can range from 15 percent to 30 percent. Analysts fear other companies may follow. And attorneys representing consumers in a pending Supreme Court case charge that Apple is an unfair monopolist in the market for iPhone apps. An adverse decision in that case could open a legal door that might eventually force Apple to cut its generous commissions.

That could spell more bad news for Apple, which is already reeling from a slump in iPhone sales that has knocked down its shares by 25 percent. The company has been positioning its booming digital-services business as its new profit engine. That plan could hit a snag if the app store takes a hit, since it currently generates about a third of the company's services revenue.

Investors are now hanging onto Apple services as a

"life preserver in the choppy seas" just as it's about to float away, Macquarie Securities analyst Benjamin

ple's iPhone revenue this year is expected to drop by 15 percent from last year \$141 billion, according to

may have triggered Netflix decision's to bar customers from paying for new video subscriptions through

but of Apple Music, which obviously doesn't have to pay any commissions.

"They're trying to have their cake and eat ours, too," Spotify spokesman Jonathan Prince told The Associated Press in 2016. "We find it bad for consumers, unfair to consumers and ultimately something that could stifle music streaming subscriptions across the board."

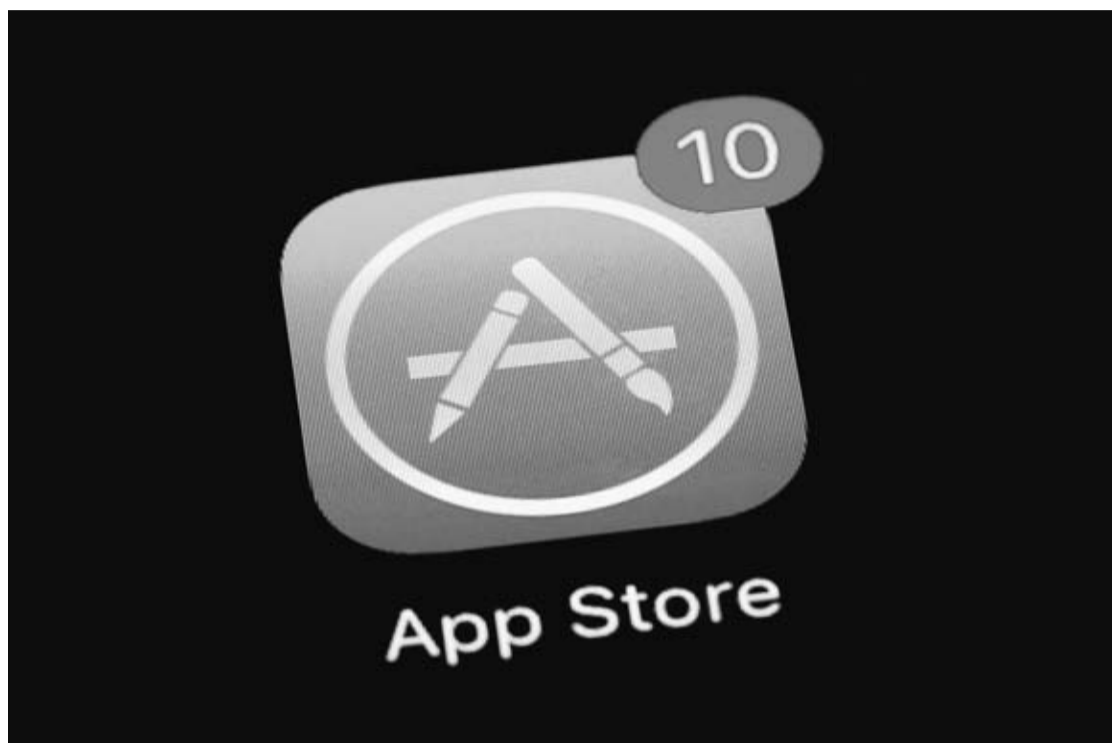
Spotify regularly harps on the unfairness of Apple's app-fee system in its securities filings. The company didn't respond to interview requests for this story.

Few other apps reach as many customers as Netflix and Spotify, making it unlikely that the rebellion against Apple's app store commissions will greatly swell, said Amir Ghodrati, director of market insights for App Annie.

Apple doesn't seem to be worried. In fact, it's reportedly demanding an even higher commission — roughly 50 percent — for a Netflix-like news service that it is trying to create with a variety of publishers, according to a recent Wall Street Journal report based on unidentified people familiar with the negotiations. That proposal faces resistance from The New York Times, The Washington Post and other publishers who believe Apple is trying to exploit its market power to extract excessive fees.

Most app makers, however, are too worried about losing access to the app stores to speak out against the fees. Epic Games, maker of the popular Fortnite video game, has been a notable exception.

Epic CEO Tim Sweeney lashed out at app fees as a "parasitic loss" at a video game conference 18 months ago, according to the trade publication GamesIndustry.biz. "We should be angry about this, and we should constantly be on the lookout for other solutions, and new ways to reach gamers," Sweeney said at the time. The North Carolina company didn't respond to interview requests. □



**This March 19, 2018, file photo shows Apple's App Store app in Baltimore. As its iPhone sales slip, Apple has been touting its growing digital-services business as the engine that will keep profits up.**  
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Schachter concluded after the Netflix move.

These app-store fees mostly hit app developers themselves, although some pass along the costs to users of their iPhone apps. Spotify, for instance, used to tack \$3 onto the cost of its \$10-a-month paid service — but only for users who signed up via its iPhone or iPad app.

Apple has doubled down on digital services as consumers cling to older iPhone models, hurting sales. Ap-

analysts surveyed by FactSet. Services, by contrast, are expected to generate about \$46 billion in revenue this year, according to the same survey. Schachter estimates the app store will account for \$16 billion of the services revenue. By those estimates, both services and app store revenue will have doubled in just three years.

Apple didn't respond to the AP's inquiries about its app fees. It has previously defended the system as reasonable compensation for reviewing all apps and ensuring its store remains a safe and secure place for e-commerce. Google charges similar fees in its own app store, although its overall business isn't as dependent on them.

Besides the app fees, Apple's services division includes revenue from its Apple Music streaming service, iCloud storage, Apple Care, Apple Pay and ad commissions that Google pays to be the iPhone's built-in search engine. Apple is also expected to roll out its own streaming-video service this spring, although few details are available.

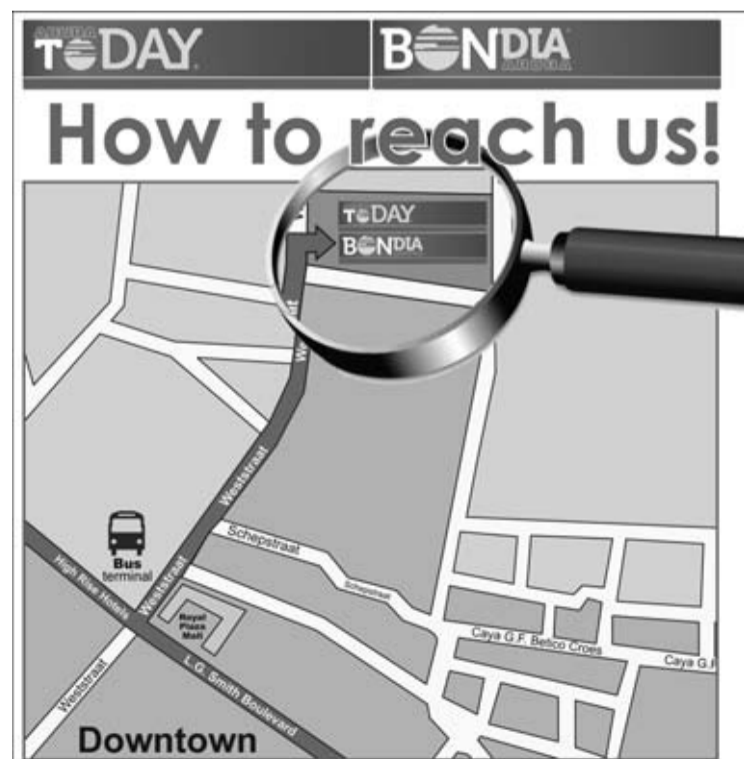
The potential streaming competition from Apple

its iPhone app. Instead, it directs users to its website, thus avoiding the extra fees. (Netflix did likewise with Google's app store last year.)

Netflix alone won't put a significant dent in Apple's finances, even though it paid Apple more money last year than any other non-gaming app, according to App Annie, a firm that tracks the app market. That sum came to about \$110 million, accounting for just 0.3 percent of the services division revenue, based on disclosures made in Apple's earnings calls last year. More than 30,000 third-party apps now accept subscriptions through Apple's store.

Netflix declined to discuss its reasons for ending new subscriptions through the app store. But its move drew more attention to an app store tax that other technology companies have already attacked as an abuse of the power that Apple has amassed since opening its app store years ago.

Almost three years ago, Spotify also stopped accepting new subscriptions through Apple's app store. Its move followed the de-





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## Internet, intuition can help businesses spot next big thing

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When small business owners want to divine what consumer spending trends will be months from now, their methods can be as sophisticated as internet analytics or as basic as plain old intuition.

At Moriarty's Gem Art, co-owner Jeff Moriarty tracks searches on the jewelry company's website and on Google Trends, a site that analyzes what people are looking for online.

"If we see a gemstone or a style of ring or certain metal type gaining popularity in a Google Trends report, we'll create pieces and see how they sell," says Moriarty, whose company is located in the Chicago suburb of Crown Point, Indiana.

While current sales trends are important for small retailers and manufacturers, it can be more critical to get a sense of what the next big seller will be, whether it's the hot toy during the holiday season, a fashion silhouette or a smartphone. Owners can get clues from internet searches, and deeper insights by looking at the data creatively and discerning how consumer tastes are changing. Knowing what's in the style and manufacturing pipeline can also help in anticipating trends.

Social media is another resource. Andrew Thornton and William Jones stay on



In this Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, photo a customer at Allegory Gallery, Denise Glover, right, hands her selections to William Jones, one of the co-owners of the jewelry and art store, as fellow owner Andrew Thornton, left, talks with instructor Laurel Ross, center right, and client Cindy Kuhns, center left, in the small town of Ligonier, Pa.

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top of trends by connecting with the customers of their jewelry and bead store.

"Social media helps inform your understanding of consumer psychology and allows you to plan accordingly and make changes," says Thornton, co-owner of Allegory Gallery in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. "It can be useful to learn who your customer is and figure out how to better serve them." Apparel retailers should follow blogs and social media accounts of people in the fashion industry, including stylists who select

clothes for celebrities, says Bob Phibbs, owner of The Retail Doctor, a consulting business. Phibbs noted that Walmart commercials during the telecast of last month's Academy Awards featured well-known Hollywood stylists.

"Follow them on Instagram and see what they're dressing people in," Phibbs says. Taylor Mack stays on top of book trends on Instagram, where book lovers connect at #bookstagram. Mack, who owns SilverFire Books, an online used book store, says she's able to engage with customers on social

media, and also see what they want.

"I do market research by taking social cues from what users post on Instagram — the products they're buying, the buzz-worthy books they're reading, and their lifestyles," says Mack, who lives in Issaquah, Washington.

Owners need to look creatively at sales or search data, no matter where they get it, to try to predict what's next, says Marshal Cohen, a senior analyst at NPD Group, a company that tracks consumer trends. Two years ago, Co-

hen saw signs that lounge-wear sales were going to increase. He forecast that sales of products people use when they're staying close to home — such as board games and cookware — would also increase, and they did.

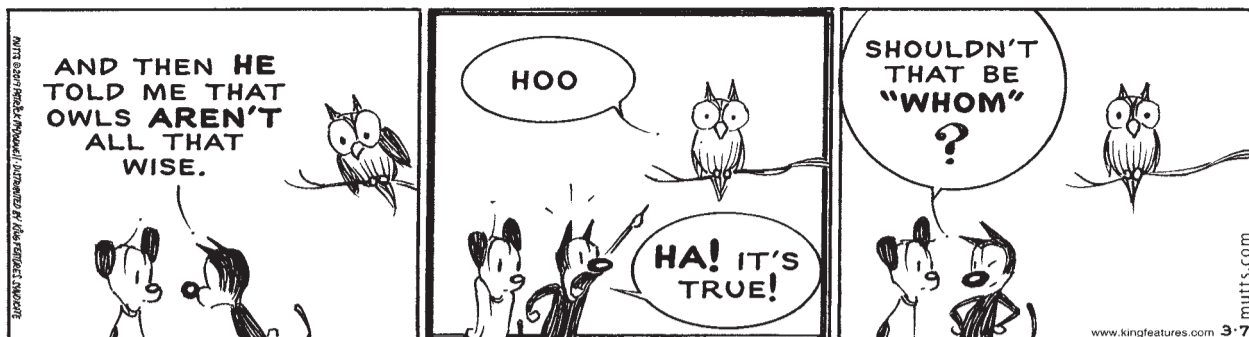
"The art is being able to interpret the trend that helps you begin to gain insight into tomorrow," Cohen says.

Savvy owners will try to anticipate the end of a current trend. For example, if a color or style has been popular for a while, it may be about to wane as consumers want something new and different.

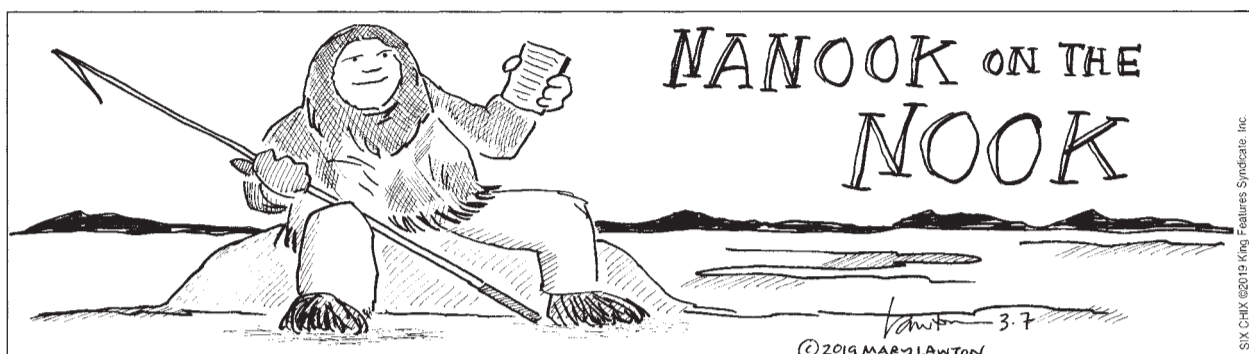
"You use the trends to try and pick the next style. That's where your intuition comes in," says Joanna Duda, owner of Pirillo Swimwear, a Chicago-based online retailer of women's swimsuits. Duda has seen a lot of yellow clothes in recent seasons, so she's turning to other hues for her upcoming collection.

While some owners go to trade shows or expos to spot likely trends, or ask their manufacturer vendors, Phibbs warns that may not be the best approach. For one thing, the merchandise at trade shows may not be as new as it looks. Phibbs says there's a lot of repetition as manufacturers have copied one another, and their merchandise has likely been shown on the internet already. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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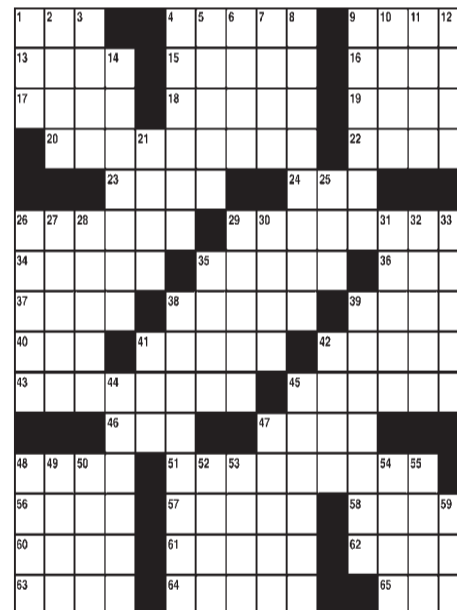
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- 36 Whopper
- 37 Popular pets
- 38 Swoon
- 39 Costa \_\_\_
- 40 Doctors' org.
- 41 Had a bug
- 42 Cyclist
- 43 Backsides
- 45 Indiana team
- 46 \_\_\_ Moines
- 47 Flow out forcefully
- 48 Wineglass part
- 51 Advantage
- 56 Long skirt
- 57 Measuring stick
- 58 Put to flight
- 60 Leave out
- 61 Jagged
- 62 Rounded roof
- 63 \_\_\_ it; understands
- 64 Made clothing
- 65 Org. for Knicks & Nuggets

**DOWN**

- 1 \_\_, dos, tres...
- 2 Chowder or broth
- 3 Shaping tool
- 4 Hang \_\_\_; linger
- 5 November birthstone
- 6 Watched
- 7 Undesirable spots
- 8 Most cluttered
- 9 California team
- 10 "\_\_\_ to be Wild"; Steppenwolf hit
- 11 Brown or Rice: abbr.
- 12 Acting award
- 14 Cool desserts
- 21 Cruz & Rubio: abbr.
- 25 Spanish article
- 26 "Sesame Street" grouch
- 27 Old \_\_\_; former lover
- 28 Deadly
- 29 Asks nosy questions
- 30 Give, but expect back
- 31 Identical
- 32 Friendlier
- 33 In \_\_\_; weeping



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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 35 Story
- 38 Narrow openings; clefts
- 39 Burton or Thomas
- 41 Primate
- 42 Bad-mouth
- 44 Fesses up
- 45 Sounded like a contented cat
- 47 Waterbirds
- 48 Air pollution
- 49 Easy to handle
- 50 Way out
- 52 Untainted
- 53 Farm machine
- 54 AM/PM divider
- 55 Dim-witted
- 59 Soothing drink

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### Divi Village

Building C Elevator  
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3rd floor with 29/8 accelerated  
weeks remain  
Divi Links Golf  
Birdie 1  
1 BR WK 11 & 12 \$9 K each  
2 sd floor with 25 weeks remain

### Divi Links Golf

Birdie 1  
Studio WK 11 \$8 K  
2 sd floor with 27 weeks remain  
Divi Village  
Building C  
1 BR WK #14 \$7500  
1st floor with 16 weeks remain

### Aruba Divi Phoenix

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4th floor with 26 weeks remain  
\$15K  
1 BR WK# 4 Building 7  
6th floor with 28 weeks remain  
\$15K

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6th floor 28 weeks remain \$15K  
2 BR Penthouse wk 11 & 12  
building 9 the 7 th floor  
33 weeks remain \$25 K each

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Studio wk 9  
building 6 ,5th floor  
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1 BR wk 11  
building 7 3rd floor  
34 weeks remain \$15K

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# Bad weather changes course of Indian Ocean exploration trip

By **DAVID KEYTON**  
Associated Press

**VICTORIA, Seychelles (AP)**

— Bad weather and high seas brought scientists on Wednesday to change the first stop of a unique mission to explore the depths of the Indian Ocean, one of the planet's last great unexplored frontiers.

While the initial path of the exploration has changed, the scientists intend to fully explore the deep seas around the Seychelles. Here's a look at what the Nekton Mission hopes to achieve and why the people of the Seychelles, the first stop on this three-year expedition, are excited about its launch.



A submarine launched from the Ocean Zephyr is tested off the coast of Victoria, the capital of the Seychelles on Tuesday March 5, 2019.

## WHO'S ON BOARD?

The expedition is led by the Britain-based Nekton, an independent, non-profit research institute that works with the University of Oxford to increase scientific understanding of the oceans. It has chartered the Ocean Zephyr, a Danish-flagged supply ship, to explore the waters around the Seychelles, a collection of islands about 1,500 kilometers (930 miles) east of the African coast, over a seven-week period.

This is the first of a half-dozen regions the Nekton Mission plans to explore before the end of 2022, when scientists will present their research at a summit on the state of the Indian Ocean. Along with 18 crew members there are 33 scientists, technicians and reporters on board.

The Associated Press is accompanying the expedition and will provide live underwater video from the dives, using new optical transmission technology to send footage from the

submarines to the ship and from there, by satellite, to the world.

## WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

Researchers started by heading to the Farquhar Atoll, a group of islands about 770 kilometers (480 miles) southwest of the Seychelles capital, Victoria. But brewing bad weather the mission to change course on Wednesday because it feared conditions would be too difficult to carry out its work.

The leaders of the mission, which is British-led and includes Seychellois scientists on board, spent hours studying weather reports which were slow to come in to their ship, the Ocean Zephyr, due to difficulties accessing the internet.

A strong swell and high winds made it impossible for the team to safely launch and recover the crewed submersibles that will carry out the explorations. With

building storm activity close to their first chosen location, the low-lying Farquhar Islands, the team decided to head instead to the tiny atoll of Alphonse, the above-water tip of an underwater mountain, or sea mount, surrounded by seas thousands of meters (feet) deep.

"It's no good sticking to

a rigid plan if we have a storm coming through and we are going to sit around and do nothing for a few days," Nekton's principal scientist, Lucy Woodall, told The Associated Press.

Further stops include Aldabra, a coral atoll that's home to a large population of giant tortoises and other vulnerable species.

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## WHAT DO THEY HOPE TO FIND?

Scientists will survey underwater life by diving into the "twilight zone" below depths of 30 meters (98 feet) that the tropical sun barely reaches.

Using two crewed submarines and a remotely operated submersible they'll be able to document organisms and habitats up to 500 meters (1,640 feet) deep, while sensors will offer a glimpse of depths of up to 2,000 meters (6,560 feet).

Little is known about this watery world. Yet what happens beneath the waves could affect the lives of billions of people who live along the Indian Ocean's shores in Africa and Asia.

Already, rising water temperatures are bleaching coral reefs, with potentially serious consequences for other organisms.

By conducting at least 50 "first descents" to map the depths around the Seychelles, scientists hope to better understand the marine ecosystem and the way this vast body of water is changing due to global warming. □

# Advice on salt, hidden in an array of foods, gets specific

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It can be hidden in bread, pizza, soup and other packaged foods and restaurant meals.

Now, advice to watch out for salt is coming with a more specific reason.

A report released Tuesday by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine ties the recommended limit on sodium to a reduced risk of chronic disease. The report, which is expected to serve as a guide for policymakers, says the updated guidance is meant to also convey that cutting back on salt can reduce risk of cardiovascular disease, even if people are still above the recommended limit of 2,300 mg a day for most adults. Previously, the



In this Sept. 26, 2018 file photo, a worker adds cheese to a raw pizza at a shop in Pittsburgh. In this Sept. 26, 2018 file photo, a worker adds cheese to a raw pizza at a shop in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

recommended limit was based on a "tolerable upper intake level," a threshold experts use to indicate a variety of potential bad effects. Now, the report

says the upper intake level will indicate the threshold for potential toxicity.

It says there's not enough evidence to set such a threshold for sodium. □

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# Tears, moment's silence at Lagerfeld's final Chanel show

By THOMAS ADAMSON

**PARIS (AP)** — It was Karl Lagerfeld's final curtain — even though he was missing.

Celebrities, supermodels and the fashion industry gathered at Chanel's catwalk show Tuesday to bid adieu to the iconic couturier, who died last month and did not want a public funeral.

Many guests wept as his final collection for the Parisian house, co-designed by new artistic director Virginie Viard, was presented at Paris' Grand Palais amid a cinematographic set: a mountain village covered in peaceful snow. A one-minute silence was held by his friends and peers.

Some of Tuesday's highlights at Paris Fashion Week: **LAGERFELD'S FINAL SEND OFF**

Designer Lagerfeld had made his antipathy for a public funeral clear. So Chanel's fall and winter show, the last collection of a couturier that designed hundreds in a six-decade career, was a fitting send off.

The display featured both genuine emotion and ironic spectacle, Lagerfeld's trademark.

Ahead of the runway show,



Model Cara Delevingne, second from left, looks as models wipe tears from their eyes as they wear creations as part of the Chanel ready to wear Fall-Winter 2019-2020 collection, that was presented in Paris, Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

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its models, including actress Penelope Cruz, stood solemnly in the fake snow by an Alpine chalet and resting ski equipment. A gentle bell rang out as poignant recordings of Lagerfeld's voice boomed out and echoed across the vast venue.

Guests including actresses Marion Cotillard and Kristen Stewart, models Claudia Schiffer and Naomi Camp-

bell, singer Janelle Monnae and U.S. Vogue Editor Anna Wintour observed a one-minute silence. Many wept.

In a moment that perfectly captured Lagerfeld's universe, the initial silence was interrupted by the bark of a small white dog kept in a sparkling Chanel shopping basket.

**A CLASSIC CHANEL COL-**

**LECTION**

The show used the Alpine theme as a touchstone to produce a classical Chanel winter collection.

It was all about keeping warm, with short ankle boots protected beneath tweed fedoras in looks the house said belonged to "elegant mountain dwellers." Oversize, woolen statement coats that hung heavily had a distinct historic feel,

a mood that Lagerfeld often liked to evoke.

They were twinned with contrasting patterns — such as houndstooth in thick, baggy pants — to produce a clever visual kinesis.

Ethnic and Alpine motifs fused as white patterning on cinched and belted A-line skirts, and ski-wear came in eye-popping hues of pink, blue and red.

The obligatory tweed jackets this season were trimmed with a thick wool braid.

**THE FUTURE FOR CHANEL**

This was the first official collaboration between Lagerfeld and his longtime studio head Virginie Viard, who will succeed him at the house.

Much like the Chanel designs, the creative handover appeared seamless.

It's perhaps unsurprising: Although Viard has held no official role as designer until now, she is known to have worked closely with the late designer across all of Chanel's numerous design channels, including couture.

It's too early to tell if Viard will lead the powerhouse in a new direction, but signs are that she won't. □

# Foals describe a nightmare and it sounds very cool

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

Foals, "Everything Not Saved Will Be Lost — Part 1" (Warner Bros.)

This year we are promised not just one Foals album, but two. And after listening to the first, we're very, very lucky indeed.

The U.K. indie-pop art rockers offer 10 new crackling tracks on "Everything Not Saved Will Be Lost — Part 1," their first since the departure of bassist Walter Gervers.

While the band's last album, 2015's "What Went Down," veered toward Coldplay, this time they seem more Radiohead-ish, with more complexity, shards of distorted synth and a nightmarish vision of the world. "Exits" is one of the stand-

outs, a paranoid, post-apocalyptic pop-rock beauty ("The cities underground/The flowers upside down," frontman Yannis Philippakis sings). The gentle-sounding "Sunday" takes that theme and adds burning cities and birds singing about the end of the world. "Syrups" is a psychedelic trip with a driving funk beat, squealing guitars and lyrics about robots and the devil. "On the Luna" is a terrific childhood memory rocker interrupted by the present ("Trump clogging up my computer") and frayed sonic edges.

Foals are their most Radiohead — both bands hail from the city of Oxford — on "Cafe D'Athens" (you'll swear Tom Yorke is singing.) And listen to "In Degrees"

and applaud the insane mix of '80s new wave pop, house, rave and trip-hop that somehow works.

Like many Foals albums, "Everything Not Saved Will Be Lost — Part 1" is top-heavy with great songs before petering out. (The 44-second instrumental "Surf, Pt. 1" may make more sense if there's a follow-up on the next album, but it seems like wasted time here).

The album ends — after all that fascinating exploration — with the simple, mournful piano dirge "I'm Done with the World (& It's Done with Me)." It's a real downer: Leaves are on fire, Philippakis is on his knees and it's raining. But there's one bright spot: In a few months, we'll get Part 2. □



This cover image released by Warner Bros. shows "Everything Not Saved Will Be Lost Part 1," by Foals.

Associated Press

# Luke Perry, heartthrob on '90210,' dies at 52 after stroke

By LYNN ELBER

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Luke Perry, who gained instant heartthrob status as wealthy rebel Dylan McKay on “Beverly Hills, 90210,” died Monday after suffering a massive stroke, his publicist said. He was 52. Perry was surrounded by family and friends when he died, publicist Arnold Robinson said. The actor had been hospitalized since last Wednesday, after a 911 call summoned medical help to his home in the Sherman Oaks section of Los Angeles.

“The family appreciates the outpouring of support and prayers that have been extended to Luke from around the world, and respectfully request privacy in this time of great mourning,” Robinson said in a statement. Those at Perry’s bedside included his children, Jake and Sophie; fiancée Wendy Madison Bauer; former wife, Minnie Sharp, and mother Ann Bennett.

Although Perry was best-known for his role as McK-



In this Jan. 26, 2011 file photo, actor Luke Perry poses for a portrait in New York. Perry, who gained instant heartthrob status as wealthy rebel Dylan McKay on “Beverly Hills, 90210,” died Monday, March 4, 2019, after suffering a massive stroke, his publicist said.

ay, he enjoyed a prolific film and television career. Most recently, he played construction company owner Fred Andrews, father of main character Archie Andrews, for three seasons on “Riverdale,” the CW series that gives a dark take on “Archie” comics. A fourth season has been slated.

The actor’s next big screen role will be in Quentin Tar-

antino’s “Once Upon a Time In Hollywood,” which is slated for release in July. “90210” co-star Ian Ziering paid tribute to his co-star on Twitter, where fans and celebrities shared their memories of Perry and mourned him. “I will forever bask in the loving memories we’ve shared over the last thirty years,” Ziering said. “May your journey forward be enriched by the magnificent souls who have passed before you, just like you have done here, for

those you leave behind.” Born and raised in rural Fredericktown, Ohio, Perry gained fame on “Beverly Hills, 90210,” which ran from 1990 to 2000. In a 2006 interview with The Associated Press, he recounted being partly inspired to pursue acting by a photo of Paul Newman his mother kept on her mirror. He played out the memory of hearing his mother say, “He’s the most beautiful man in the world, honey ... he’s a movie star.”

Associated Press

“I thought, ‘OK, that’s cool.’ I watched him and, ‘Yeah, man, who didn’t want to be Paul Newman!’” But Perry expanded his interests far beyond acting, identifying history as a passion and family a priority. “When you are younger you can have only work, and I did for a long time,” he told the AP in 2006. “But it doesn’t command my attention that way anymore. A lot of the mysteries and the questions I had about it I’ve figured out, but life offers up mysteries every day.”

He had roles in a handful of films, including “The Fifth Element,” “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” “8 Seconds” and “American Strays,” appeared in HBO’s prison drama “Oz” as a televangelist convicted of fraud, and voiced cartoons including “The Incredible Hulk” and “Mortal Kombat.” He made his Broadway musical debut as Brad in the “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” and starred on London’s West End in another stage adaptation of a film, “When Harry Met Sally.” In recent years he starred in the series “Ties That Bind” and “Body of Proof.” □

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## Netflix to make 'One Hundred Years of Solitude' series

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Netflix has acquired the rights to Gabriel Garcia Marquez’s “One Hundred Years of Solitude,” one of the most

celebrated novels of the 20th century. The streaming company announced Wednesday that it will adapt the 1967 book into a Spanish language series. “One Hundred Years of Sol-

itude,” which has sold an estimated 47 million copies and been translated into 46 languages, has never before been adapted for the screen. The series will be shot largely in Colombia, Netflix said. Garcia Marquez’s sons, Rodrigo Garcia and Gonzalo Garcia Barcha, will serve as executive producers. While other Garcia Marquez novels have been turned into films such as “Love in the Time of Cholera” and “Chronicles of a Death Foretold,” the Nobel Prize-winning Colombian novelist doubted how the expansive and mythical “One Hundred Years of Solitude” could be adapted. Garcia Marquez died in 2014. □



In this March 6, 2014 file photo, Gabriel Garcia Marquez greets fans and reporters outside his home on his birthday in Mexico City.

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## Author writes part biography, part Hollywood history

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

Associated Press

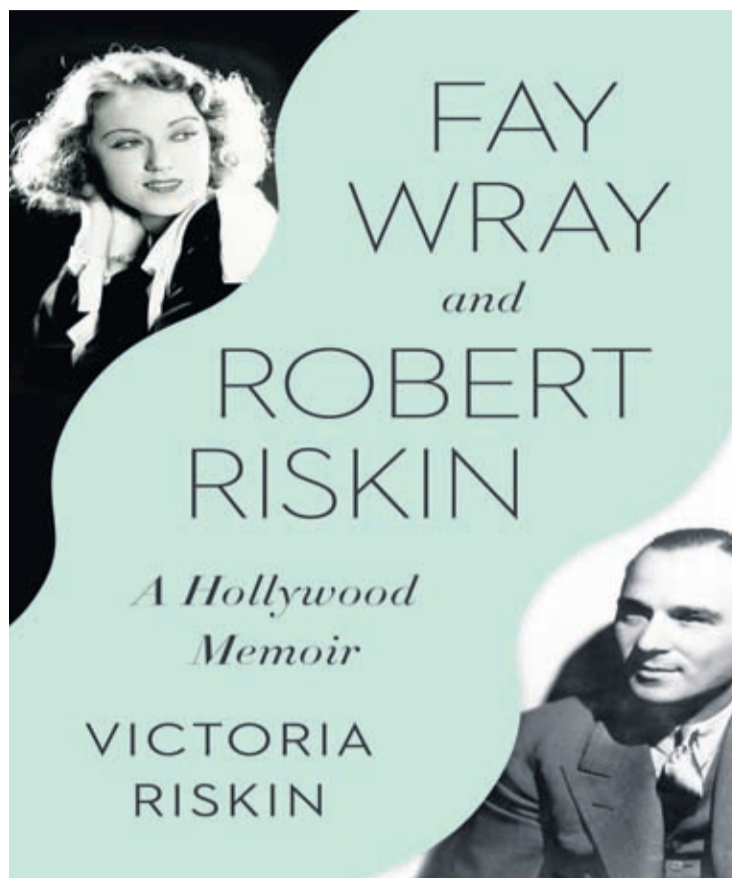
"Fay Wray and Robert Riskin: A Hollywood Memoir" (Pantheon), by Victoria Riskin

If there was an Academy Award for movie books, Victoria Riskin would be making room beside the Oscar her father won for writing the romantic comedy classic "It Happened One Night." Part biography, part Hollywood history, part love story, Riskin's memoir about her parents is captivating and poignant.

Her mother, actress Fay Wray, became an ageless icon as the beauty held by the beast atop the Empire State Building in 1933's "King Kong." Her father, Robert Riskin, wrote his way to acclaim with scripts for "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and other Depression-era films. Their lives roll out in Victo-

ria Riskin's pages like the plots of the feel-good movies they made back then — people with little but talent and determination overcome adversity and achieve their dreams. And one of their dreams was to find the right someone to love.

Riskin (1897-1955) was born in New York to Jewish immigrants from Russia; his only connection to his father's work as a tailor was a love for stylish suits. He quit school at 13, taught himself how to type and pursued an interest in show business. At 17, the handsome, quick-witted kid from Brooklyn who liked to tell stories began producing comedy shorts. The naturally energetic Riskin later wrote and produced plays for Broadway and eventually ended up in Hollywood, his work with director Frank Capra



This cover image released by Pantheon shows "Fay Wray and Robert Riskin: A Hollywood Memoir," by Victoria Riskin.

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one of the screen's most productive.

Wray (1907-2004), born in Alberta, Canada, got to Hollywood first and by wholly different means. Her Mormon parents moved the family to Arizona and later to Salt Lake City, their children then numbering six and seldom well-fed. Her daughter describes the Wray family's years in the nearby mining town of Lark, Utah, as marked by "grim and grinding poverty." Wray's father left town for work and never came back.

Fay's mother moved her brood back to Salt Lake City. Two years later, she allowed another daughter's young boyfriend, a photographer, to take Fay with him to Los Angeles to find work in the movies for the pretty, dark-haired teenager. □

## Dierks Bentley recruits Luke Bryan for Seven Peaks fest

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — After watching a recent documentary about the doomed Fyre Festival in the Bahamas, country star Dierks Bentley was appalled at how it all went disastrously wrong.

Bentley knows the pressure of putting on a destination music festival that he's invested in and curated as he's heading into the second year for the Seven Peaks Music Festival in Buena Vista, Colorado, a small town about two hours outside of Denver.

"It gave me hot flashes, even now just thinking about it. On every level, that was so wrong," Bentley said of the Fyre Festival.

Performers at the three-day Labor Day festival will include Bentley, Luke Bryan, Maren Morris, Jon Pardi, Travis Tritt, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Diamond Rio. There will be a '90s country night with artists like Deana Carter, Tracy Lawrence and Bentley's own '90s cover band, the Hot Country Knights, in addition to Americana and bluegrass



In this May 7, 2018, file photo, country music star Dierks Bentley poses in Nashville, Tenn.

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artists like The War and Treaty and Steep Canyon Rangers and new country artists like Tennille Townes, Caylee Hammack, Mitchell Tenpenny and Ryan Hurd.

"I'm ecstatic that we're getting a second year, because it's not a given," Bentley told The Associated Press. "These don't make money for three, four years. I don't think I'll make any money for a long time and

more importantly Live Nation didn't make any money and they lost a lot of money because that's the way it goes with launching a festival."

Bentley's inaugural festival had its challenges. There had previously been an electronic music festival at the site that drew complaints about loud music well after midnight. Both Bentley and Live Nation

representatives spent time in the city during the planning process talking to local officials about traffic, ticketing, sound, safety and more.

"There's a trust that goes on," Bentley said. "We could come in there with a big country music hammer and really just stomp all over their town, so I get their concerns."

According to local news-

paper reports, about 8,000 people attended the festival in its first year, but Bentley said they are expecting attendance to increase. Because of its remoteness, Seven Peaks caters to camping and RVs. It has a beautiful mountain range nearby, a beach and a pond on the festival grounds.

"The location could never lose its intimacy. It's such a unique spot," Bentley said. Bryan is one of the genre's biggest stadium-filling stars and the two have shared hosting duties for the Academy of Country Music Awards. Bentley said he's played Bryan's Mexico festival, "Crash My Playa," and decided to call in a favor.

"He recognizes the role he plays at a festival, the weight he carries and the people he brings in," Bentley said.

Bentley is proud that many of last year's headliners didn't just play their set and leave for home but stayed for the whole weekend.

"It's making my liver hurt just thinking about Luke hanging out for several nights," Bentley said. □

# After years of promise, battery cars about to go mainstream

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**GENEVA (AP)** — For years, there have been lots of electric cars proudly rolled out at auto shows but few on the streets or at dealers. That could be about to change.

The electric cars under the lights at the Geneva International Motor Show promise to be the leading edge of more affordable, longer-range vehicles that start to move battery cars out of their niche — as a product for environmentalists willing to put up with limited range and wealthy enthusiasts of new technology willing to pay for buzz and the robust but silent acceleration the cars offer.

Several broad underlying trends are converging to increase the likelihood that larger numbers of battery cars will be on the roads in the next several years.

Prices are falling for batteries, consumers are turning away from diesel engines after Volkswagen's emissions scandal, and governments in Europe and China are enforcing tougher emissions rules.

As more electric cars roll off assembly lines, the trick will be getting more people to buy them. A key factor will be price — of the battery to the manufacturer, and consequently of the car to the customer.

Volvo Car Group's Polestar 2 and Peugeot's new electric 208 compact are electric offerings aimed at bringing battery-powered cars within reach of more



The new 'Polestar 2' is presented during the press day at the '89th Geneva International Motor Show' in Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, March 05, 2019.

people. The Polestar 2 launch version, expected in 2020, starts at \$55,500 after the \$7,500 U.S. tax incentive; the Europe price starts at 59,000 euros. A less expensive model is envisioned after the first year. Polestar says the model is aimed at the same potential customers as the Model 3 electric compact from California carmaker Tesla. Tesla said last week it will close many of its stores and move to online sales only so it can cut costs and reach its goal of selling the Model 3 for \$35,000. Before the announcement the lowest price was \$42,900.

Polestar CEO Thomas Ingenlath says the takeoff for e-cars "is something that's pretty close."

"You need a decent offer of a premium electric car that makes it accessible," he said. "There are a lot of brands pitching into the region above 80,000 euros (\$90,600), so the offer there

is getting broader, but below, in the area between 40,000 and 60,000 euros, it's still relatively limited and I think Polestar coming in there will help accelerate things."

And then there's Volkswagen. The world's largest car maker, which sold 10.83 million cars last year across 12 brands including Audi and Porsche, is refitting its plant in Zwickau, Germany, to produce electric vehicles, the first of eight battery vehicle plants worldwide. Zwickau is to produce 100,000 ID model vehicles next year on what the company says will be a carbon-neutral basis, boosting Volkswagen's output of electric earlier models to 150,000. Overall, the division aims to sell a million electric cars a year, or about a fifth of the Volkswagen brand's sales, by 2025.

"We want to bring electrification to a breakthrough," the Volkswagen brand's

**Associated Press** chief operating officer, Ralf Brandstaeffer, told The Associated Press.

He said the company can do that through efficient, large-scale production. The ID compact heads into production in November and should go on sale in spring 2020, with a base model available for under 30,000 euros (\$34,000).

The company is spending 11 billion euros on new technology through 2023, the bulk of that on developing electric cars.

According to Mark C. Newman, managing director and senior analyst at research firm Bernstein, falling battery prices are bringing the day closer when electric cars become as cheap as gasoline and diesel models.

The estimate for 2018 battery pack prices is below \$130 per kilowatt hour for the most efficient manufacturers. That is down from \$1,000 per kilowatt hour in

2010, and closing in on the \$120 per kwh level that the International Energy Agency estimates will make a compact battery car cheaper to own and operate than its internal combustion cousins at Europe's high gasoline prices.

Bernstein foresees cost parity by 2022-23 and estimates that global market share of battery and hybrid cars will rise to between 9.6 percent and 17.7 percent by 2025. Last year it was 2.1 percent. Regulation is playing a key role.

European carmakers will need a growing share of zero local emission vehicles to meeting European Union requirements for lower emissions of carbon dioxide by 2021, and even lower emissions thresholds in 2025 and 2030. If they don't, they could pay thousands of euros in fines per vehicle. China is requiring carmakers to increase the share of alternative energy vehicles through a points system that gives more credit to low-emission, longer-range electric vehicles.

Things may change more slowly in the United States, where the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump is moving to ease higher mileage requirements from the Obama administration. Still, California is pushing for more battery-powered vehicles and hybrids, which use both batteries and internal combustion engines. It says 8 percent of new car sales could be electrics, hybrids or other low emission vehicles by 2025.

An example of how regulation can promote electrics is Norway, where a raft of incentives has pushed the market share of plug-in vehicles to 39 percent last year. By contrast, China was at 4 percent, Germany at 1.8 percent and the U.S. at 2.1 percent.

Gil Tal, director of the Plug-in Hybrid & Electric Vehicle Research Center at the University of California-Davis, says "you will see larger numbers three years from now," largely driven by subsidies and incentives at the outset. □



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